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Taher in New York

Oil output stays

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (AP) — Abdul Hadi Taher, governor of Petromin, has denied reports that the government was planning a sharp oil-production cutback or a price increase. "Those reports are incorrect. They have been denied officially by government sources," Taher told an oil industry conference sponsored by the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation and the Trade Publication Platt's Oilgram News.

But, Taher warned consuming countries against stockpiling oil, and said "there might be a surplus" of oil on the market as a result of reductions in oil use following a price spiral that began in late 1978. "If a country like Saudi Arabia is producing beyond its financial needs, it is making a big sacrifice," Taher said. "Instead of storing it (oil) in expensive facilities in consuming countries, it is better to store it where God put it — in the ground."

He said in a subsequent interview he plans to meet with the executive committee of Arabian American Oil Co., the U.S.-owned consortium that receives about two-thirds of Saudi Arabia's oil exports. An Aramco spokesman said it was a regularly scheduled monthly meeting of representatives of Saudi Arabia and the Aramco owners — Exxon Corp., Texco Inc., Standard Oil Co. of California and Mobil Corp.

Taher said Saudi Arabia over the next five years, will mount a \$10-billion program to expand its oil refineries and build steel mills, aluminum plants and petrochemical and fertilizer production facilities. The expansion program will raise Saudi Arabia's refinery capacity to 1.5 million barrels a day — with about half designed to serve export markets.

Further expansions could raise Saudi Arabia capacity to 2.7 million barrels a day, he said. Gasoline and other fuels command higher prices than crude oil, and "we aim to maximize the value of the crude oil we produce" by expanding product exports, Taher said.

Jewish settlements

U.S. map shows illegality

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25 (AP) — The U.S. State Department has drawn up a map which portrays many Jewish settlements in Israel as standing on land owned by Palestinians from the occupied West Bank, the daily Haaretz reported Wednesday. Haaretz reporter Ze'ev Schiff wrote that he had seen it.

The chart was prepared under the Carter administration to aid in U.S.-sponsored negotiations between Israel and Egypt, on autonomy for the 1.8 million Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Haaretz said. Real estate ownership is a key issue in the negotiations.

The Haaretz report said the American map was drawn up according to the 1946 British mandate land registry and a 1957 Jordanian record. The map outlines more Arab-owned land within Israel than Jewish-owned land in the West Bank, the paper said.

It did not give figures, but said the map placed much of the Arab-owned land along the armistice line that separated Israel from the West Bank between 1949 and 1967. According to the map, one tract of Arab-owned land spans the narrow width of the Jewish state from the armistice line to the Mediterranean, with some towns near Tel Aviv, such as Ra'anana and Kfar Sava, lying on Arab-owned territory, Haaretz said. U.S. officials in Tel Aviv denied knowing of such a map.

Cut proposed in U.S. aid to Soviet Jews

CHICAGO, Feb. 25 (AP) — The Office of Management and Budget has proposed cutting the matching-grant program for resettling Soviet Jews in America, including rescinding the \$24 million appropriated for this year, according to a published report.

The Chicago Tribune, in a report Wednesday from its Washington Bureau, also said it had learned Jewish community groups and others have begun a quiet battle to save the matching-grant program. Department of Health and Human Services officials and Congress, which must approve the reductions, have described the program as a model of success, The Tribune said.

The move comes at a time when the Soviet Union has begun granting more exit visas to Soviet Jews, it was reported. Reagan administration officials were understood to have it could be part of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's initiative for talks with the U.S.



FORMER HOSTAGE: Caretaker Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez, right, shakes hands with King Juan Carlos before the first meeting of the Defense Council of the Spanish High Staff in Madrid Tuesday, after the violent happening in the parliament where Suarez also was hostage of the civil guards.

Parthenon damaged

12 die as earthquake hits areas in Greece

ATHENS, Feb. 25 (Agencies) — Twelve persons were killed and scores injured in an earthquake which also damaged the ancient Greek temple of Parthenon Tuesday night, Prof. George Dontas, a member of the committee for the restoration of the Acropolis Hill on which the temple stands, said Wednesday.

The earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter Scale sent thousands of people into the streets in panic and knocking down a resort hotel and several other buildings, authorities said. Four women died of heart attacks, apparently triggered by fear, and fifth woman jumped in panic from the window of her first-floor apartment in Athens and died immediately, police said.

Barriers have been put up to keep tourists away from Parthenon, after fragments from the temple columns and friezes were dislodged and some of the column sections (tambours) slipped several millimeters.

Prof. Dontas said some slippage had also been noticed in the Parthenon foundations and a vertical crack had appeared in one of the architraves, above the columns. Three concrete Caryatid statues which had recently replaced the originals damaged by pollution on the Erechtheion Temple had also slipped slightly, but they had been retained by wires which are holding them in place while three more are erected.

The major damage caused by the shocks has been in the area close to Corinth, with hundreds of houses sustaining cracks and some reportedly collapsing. In the small seaside town of Vrachati on the coast of the Gulf of Corinth, an eight-story hotel collapsed. Five persons were reported missing.

All state services and military units have been placed in a state of readiness to deal with any emergency situations. Responding to broadcast appeals, thousands of Athenians evacuated their houses and spent the night sleeping in the open air or in their cars. The seismological institute has also warned that further after-shocks of up to the same intensity are possible, but not predictable.

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Haig plans visit to Middle East

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (R) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig disclosed plans to visit the Middle East soon for talks on the future of the U.S.-sponsored peace process and regional security. "Clearly, I am anxious to go reasonably early on so we can continue the momentum of the peace process and to conclude the kind of consultations which started here this week," he told reporters. He was speaking after a 30-minute meeting with President Reagan and Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who later told reporters Haig's visit could be expected "in the near future, within a month or so."

Rolling steel mill opened

JEDDAH, Feb. 25 — Production at the first rolling steel mill in the Kingdom started Wednesday after a series of problems in the last 16 years.

Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, officially declared open the Jeddah Steel Rolling Mill Company at a ceremony attended by Deputy Governor Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen officials and industrialists.

The rescue effort was managed jointly by Saudi Basic Industries Corporation and Korff Corp. in two years.

In a speech Algosabi spoke of the government's plan for an integrated steel industry to satisfy the major part of local demand for "deformed bars" used in construction.

Willy Korff, chairman of the German company said "the Jeddah Steel Rolling Mill and SULB partnership will be able to produce, even before the start-up of the Hadood steel works in Jubail, cooperation in a steel processing company."

SULB, one of SABIC's numerous industries, and Korff Corp started work at the steel rolling after production delays and faulty equipment had reduced the scheduled production of bars from 40,000 tonnes a year as originally planned, to about 10,000 tonnes.

A British company had made the original design and the steel mill produced banded bars. As it is, the mill was working only in one or two shifts, instead of three as initially planned, and when the demand for banded dropped three years ago, the company was on the verge of closure.

SABIC and Korff came into the picture two years ago and with an investment of SR 70 million in a joint equity partnership, planned and completed the mill's overhaul.

Algosabi told Arab News, "our strategy for the steel industry is not based on exports but on meeting the local demand for steel products — the reason for this is the saturation of international markets by steel over-production."

He added "the rolling mill here received its raw materials from the Jubail complex, and therefore fits in with our plan for an integrated steel industry that will satisfy the major part of the local demand."

In Spanish coup

General fired; others arrested

MADRID, Feb. 25 (Agencies) — Spain's deputy army chief, who led negotiations with rebel civil guards occupying parliament in an attempted coup, has been sacked, Spanish radio reported Wednesday. The report followed a government announcement of an investigation to find those responsible "by action and omission" for Monday's rioting attempt against the young Spanish democracy.

It was not immediately known of Gen. Alfonso Armada Comin was under arrest. He was secretary general of the royal household before becoming deputy army chief of staff. The radio said he had favored the rebels as he negotiated with their leader, Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero Molina, during the 18-hour takeover of parliament. According to the officials the general offered Col. Tejero an airplane to leave Spain with his family, but Col. Tejero turned the offer down.

One of Spain's top military commanders, Gen. Jaime Milans del Bosch, was sacked and placed under arrest Tuesday for "repeatedly disobeying orders." He decreed a state of emergency and ordered tanks onto the streets in his eastern Valencia region during the aborted coup.

The Madrid newspaper Diario reported that Col. Ricardo Carchitorenza Zalba had been detained. He was reported to have tried to arrest the military governor of Madrid, Gen. Rafael Allende Salazar, during the coup attempt. Military sources have said a number of middle-ranking officers, some of them belonging to Spain's top armored division based just outside Madrid, have been arrested.

An official communique Tuesday night said Gen. Milans and all those known to have been involved in the storming of parliament had been handed over to a military magistrate. The extent to which the armed forces would be purged right wingers as a result of the attempted coup was not clear, but the communique said an investigation was underway to find those responsible "by action or omissions."

The head of Spain's main opposition Socialist Party, Felipe Gonzalez, said after an emergency meeting with King Juan Carlos Tuesday night that the dangers facing Spanish democracy has not fully disappeared. He did not elaborate.

Opposition deputies leaving the parliament building at the end of the siege said the coup attempt proved the need to purge the security forces of the last vestiges of Francoism. Parliamentarians returned Wednesday to the bullet-scarred lower house to resume the vote of confidence which was interrupted when the rebels stormed into the chamber and opened fire with sub-machineguns. None of the deputies was hurt.

It is possible that the attempted coup will rebound in favor of Prime Minister-designate Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, now expected to win an absolute majority in the 350-seat house. Calvo Sotelo, a 54-year old conservative, failed last week in a first attempt to win an absolute majority.

Two members of peace panel arrive today

JEDDAH, Feb. 25 — Pakistan President Zia ul Haq and Bangladesh President Ziaur Rahman will arrive in Jeddah Thursday to join the eight-member Islamic Good Offices Committee which will begin its peace journey to Tehran and Baghdad Saturday to end the war between Iran and Iraq. Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi arrived here Wednesday afternoon. The goodwill Committee was formed by the Organization of Islamic Conference in Taif last month.

The other members are Turkey, Senegal, Gambia, Guinea, the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Conference Habib Chatti. A delegation sent out to Tehran by the summit failed to persuade the Iranian government to take part in the co-operation. The Iranian government said it would not attend the meeting as long as the Iraqi President Saddam Hussain was there. It also rejected mediation efforts on the grounds that Iraq had attacked and occupied Iranian territory and must evacuate all its troops before talks could begin on a peaceful settlement of outstanding issues.

An Iranian envoy, Gholam Haqqani, who visited the Kingdom last week, told Arab News that the government would welcome an Islamic delegation to visit the country, not to negotiate a mediation attempt but to "witness the destruction and suffering" caused by the war.



STEEL: Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen deputy governor of Mecca and Dr. Ghazi Algosabi taking a round at the official opening of the Jeddah Rolling Steel Mill Company Wednesday, at the Petromin industrial area.

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Industry development to be pillar -- Yamani

RIYADH, Feb. 25 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said Wednesday that the industrial development of the country was the main pillar in the structure of the post-petroleum era.

Speaking on the occasion of the National Industries Week, Yamani said the government had carried out its promises to promote local industries and give citizens assistance.

"The government's industrial policy is based on the principle of free enterprise," Yamani said. "Planning by the government helps to realize the best conditions for carrying out this freedom." The need to obtain a government license to start an industry does not run contrary to this freedom as well as free competition, but serves to assure investors of the viability of their projects and that they will not be submerged by competition, he said.



Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani

At the same time the government aims to coordinate these industries so that it may reach its targets and build a proper industrial society while at the same time it implements large-scale projects which the private sector is unable to handle.

Yamani said the government is providing the research needed to direct the way to sound industrial investment. It is also offering land in the industrial estates at a nominal rent of eight halalas per square meter per year to give the investor the land he needs and reduce his overhead costs considerably while he attends to the more important aspects which include machinery, equipment, production and marketing.

Yamani reviewed industrial achievements, which have been helped by Industrial Development Fund loans and said the number of licensed industries has so far reached 1,695 at a cost of SR30,536 million employing more than 93,000 workers. Nationally-owned industries total 1,278 while those under joint ownership, with foreign investors, total 417 at cost of SR26,923 million. Foreign investments amounted to SR3,613 million.

In addition to financing and land plots the government grants industrial equipment and raw materials exemption from customs duties which last year amounted to SR2,272 million for equipment and SR1.165 million for basic raw materials.

Meanwhile, ministry of industry and electricity prepares a list every six months of local

industries which produce goods and materials of sufficiently good quality for government patronage. Such local products are protected and imports of similar goods are not permitted, Yamani said.

The minister commended the government decision to establish the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation with a capital of SR10 billion in 1976, which wholly paid up by the government. Its goals were to start heavy industries in the country related and based on production of hydrocarbons. They included iron and steel, aluminium fertilizers and gases which will use energy that has so far been flared away.

In another development, more than 80 carnival cars representing Jeddah factories paraded through the streets of this port city Tuesday afternoon as part of the National Industry Week.

The cavalcade started at the Industrial City and ended at the Awwamat gardens in Hamra where the main ceremony was held. Present were Deputy Governor of Mecca Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen; Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, the minister of industry and electricity; Mecca district commissioner, and other officials.

Dr. Algosabi noted that the number of plants in the Kingdom has tripled during the past five years to foster the country's industrial base. He said that the industrial revolution in Saudi Arabia is proceeding according to plan.



EXHIBITION DAYS: Jeddah Chamber of Commerce has been holding an exhibition of products from local factories during National Industry Week. Products were sold at discount prices to all visitors.

Mayor to dedicate Riyadh tree week

RIYADH, Feb. 25 — A tree week here will be dedicated Saturday by Mayor Sheikh Abdullah Al Naim on behalf of Governor Prince Salman. Organizers aim to plant 25,200 trees during the week in the main streets, squares, schools and government building localities. The program will begin in the morning with a speech by the mayor and another by the Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Abdul Lateef Al Ajaji. A palm tree will be planted to signal the beginning of the week.

On Sunday the trees will be planted along Prince Fahd and Prince Abdullah ibn Turki streets as well as other areas. The plants are to be supplied by the municipality to encourage the spread of green areas in the capital. Other cities also have been organizing tree weeks on a large scale. The nursery plants are imported from abroad, notably Africa and specially Guinea which has already dispatched an agricultural attaché to its embassy, to handle the increasing requests for plants from that country.



HONORED: Taiwan Premier Sun Yun-Suan conferred a medal on Gen. Abdullah Abdul Rahman Al-Jalal, director general of Public Security in Saudi Arabia, in recognition of his contribution to the promotion of friendship and cooperation between the Republic of China and Saudi Arabia.

Bilateral talks held

BEIRUT, Feb. 25 (SPA) — The outcome of the non-aligned nations foreign ministers conference recently held in New Delhi was reviewed here Tuesday at a meeting between Saudi charge d'Affairs Abu Bakr Rafie and Abdul Rahman Al-Solh, director of political affairs at the Lebanese Foreign Ministry. The two officials also took up bilateral relations and issues of common interest.

Agricultural projects to include 19 dams

RIYADH, Feb. 25 — Nearly 1,000 projects will be carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture during the current five-year development plan, according to *Al Medina*. Quoting official sources, the newspaper said the projects will include 19 dams in various parts which will aim at conserving water and expanding the arable land.

The ministry has started recently to dig the first of 180 artesian wells at a cost of SR300 million. The contracts have been awarded to local companies. The officials said that the ministry carried out 830 projects in past few years.

COMMENT

By Muhammad Omar Al-Amoudi
Al Medina

I appreciated the Interior Ministry's move to publish the orders on several recent cases, which confirms that anyone misusing the public service will be liable to equal punishment, regardless if he gives or receives the bribe.

Although there may be different forms of bribe, some say that bribe is that situation in which some consideration is either asked for or accepted. This, however, is an erroneous impression.

As a public servant, you will have accepted a bribe if from a needy person an estate worth SR100,000 with just SR50,000 or if you sell him a house worth SR100,000 at double its value.

On the other hand, some are led to think that the bribed would have to be an official. This also is incorrect. If the wife of an official receives a gift from someone working under her husband, she will be considered a bribe-taker in case the husband asks her to accept the gift.

There are still others who consider that bribes invariably in the form of a material object. This, again, is a mistaken idea. Recently, the judiciary in Egypt passed verdict against two persons who used to misuse their official position in exchange for personal pleasures.

In France, the judiciary considers an official as bribe-taker if he performs a job or abstains from doing something in exchange for getting some service not based on material consideration, such as getting employment for a relative or having him promoted.

We have to beware of all such situations and must remember that God has condemned both the briber and the bribed.

BRIEFS

Chancellor returns
RIYADH, Feb. 25 — The Chancellor of Imam Muhammad ibn Saudi Islamic University Dr. Abdullah Al Turki returned from India Tuesday night where he addressed a large Muslim congregation in Hyderabad other locations. He said that the Kingdom will continue to help fellow Muslims everywhere to unite and improve their conditions.

Korean work discussed
RIYADH, Feb. 25 (SPA) — The Minister of Public Works and Housing Prince Miteb met with the visiting Korean deputy foreign minister for a discussion on cooperation and the contribution of Korean companies in the development projects of the country. An agreement was signed recently between the two governments calling for enhanced cooperation in many areas.

Industrial luncheon scheduled
RIYADH, Feb. 25 — The Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosabi will give a luncheon party in honor of the editors of newspapers on the occasion of the current National Industries Week and will discuss the press role in publicizing the importance of local industrial development.

King returns land
RIYADH, Feb. 25 — King Khaled has ordered the restitution of lands to 100 people in Al Wajh after nearly 11 years of fruitless litigation. The lands had been expropriated by the local authorities for development purposes, but the two parties failed to agree on an acceptable solution.

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FAREWEL: The Foreign Ministry gave a dinner banquet Tuesday evening in honor of Turkish Ambassador Fikret Yereket at the end of his tenure. The dinner was attended by Sheikh Salem Smbel, the head of the ministry's protocol department; senior state officials and members of the diplomatic corps.

Zahran promotes senior officials

JEDDAH, Feb. 25 — Six senior officials of Siraj Zahran-Datsun have been promoted to vice-presidents by order of the President included Muhammad Hassan Abu Al Anain, Issam Abdul Aziz Banajah, Khalil Ahmad Al Hibshi, Mahmood Hussain Balawi, Ahmad Mahmood Taha and George William.

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Saudi Arabia to present paper

Youth sports games charter eyed

By Ahmad Shaaban

RIYADH, Feb. 25 — A committee set up by the 42-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference will meet at the Youth Welfare Organization in Riyadh in mid-April to discuss a Saudi Arabian paper on the charter and regulations of the Islamic Solidarity Games Confederation, Islamic Solidarity Games Confederation, Islamic Solidarity Games Confederation...

swimming, wrestling, track and field and different types of athletics. They came from 12 Islamic countries including Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Algeria, Turkey, Cyprus, Pakistan, Bahrain, Malaysia, Palestine and Bangladesh, while Iran and Indonesia sent only officials or referees to prepare for the games or act as arbiters. Other OIC member states did not send delegations because of the very short notice between the Islamabad conference in May and the games in September. Syria, Iraq, Iran, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Sudan and Senegal did not send sportsmen because they thought it not wise to have games while people were having a war, although Iran sent four officials. The games were for both boys and girls.

ducted in a hotel on the highway from Sao Paulo to Campinas. Nearly 140 youths and students from almost all Muslim societies and communities in South and Central America took part in it. The youths came from Argentina, Venezuela, Columbia, Peru, Chile, Bolivia, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Canada, the USA and Saudi Arabia. All of the participants were male. There are about 300 to 400,000 Muslims in Brazil, mostly from Syria, Lebanon, and Palestine, and some also from other Islamic countries and South Africa, according to Siddiq. Many of the Muslims of Brazil settled in businesses and some of them are in the government. There already are second and third generation Muslims, especially among the youths. They have 24 Muslim associations and organizations in Brazil and there is a coordinating council for all groups.



LABOR TALKS: The ministers of labor in the Kingdom and Tunisia Sheikh Ibrahim Al Anqari and Muhammad Al Nasser holding talks in Riyadh on cooperation.

Tunis labor minister visits Salman

RIYADH, Feb. 25 (SPA) — The Labor Minister of Tunisia, Mubammad Al Nasser, called on Governor Prince Salman here Wednesday. The meeting was attended by Labor Minister Sheikh Ibrahim Al Anqari who has been holding talks with Nasser the last few days. Earlier, Nasser visited the head office of the General Organization of Social Insurance. He was briefed by its governor, Muhammed Ali Al Fayed about its development and the services that it provides to the working population.

Nasser also visited the computer department of the organization and expressed his admiration of the humanitarian services that cover workers and their families and the investments that the organization makes to enhance its revenues.

Hilal, Nasr receive thanks

RIYADH, Feb. 25 (SPA) — King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd Tuesday deeply thanked members of Al-Hilal and Al-Nasr sports clubs and wished them further success in serving their religion and country. They urged the youths of sick to Islam and its noble traditions. The King and crown prince's messages were addressed to the presidents of both clubs in reply to their cables after Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, president of the Youth Welfare Organization, signed contracts last week for the establishment of new headquarters for both clubs. Meanwhile, Prince Faisal Tuesday signed another contract with a national company to build a recreation center at Al-Ojva district in Riyadh, heralding the construction of a series of such parks in all Saudi cities. The contract is to be carried out within a year. The 10,000 square meter park will comprise areas for all games for youths of every age. The parks will have administrative offices and first aid clinics. More like clubs, they will have gymnasiums, a projection hall, a library, a children swimming pool, football, tennis, handball, basket ball and ping pong grounds and halls for the various cultural and social activities.

Saudi Telephone begins intensive training work

RIYADH, Feb. 25 — Saudi Telephone has started the start-up of one of the most development programs in the Kingdom. The goal is to fill most top management positions to Saudi Telephone with nationals. At the end of 1982, between 400 to 500 nationals, with high management potential, will have been given specialized training. Training will equip each person with the knowledge and skill necessary for particular positions needed by Saudi Telephone, a press release said Wednesday. The Saudi Telephone's fifteen District Managers has personally selected the employees with the highest potential in their districts with the help of specialists from Saudi Telephone's Training Department. After comprehensive interviews and examinations, final career plans were drafted — some to prepare the employees for the training work ahead. The career plans are for all Saudi nationals will be completely filled for their specific jobs, the company said.

The instruction will be given by experts from Bell Canada, one of the world's leading telecommunications companies. An illustration of Saudi Telephone's commitment to developing the expertise within the organization is the Out-of-Country Training Program. In 1981 twelve district managers, plus 115 senior managers, will be sent to Canada on specialized training courses. This is more than double the number that were sent last year. The managers will attend rigorous training sessions in Bell Canada offices and work locations. The training will involve field work, and specialized classroom instruction. As a final step in building managerial potential, the Saudi managers will administer Canadian offices, proving that they have acquired the confidence and training necessary to serve the Kingdom's telecommunications requirements the company report said.

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Ali arrives in Khartoum

KHARTOUM, Feb. 25 (SPA) — Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, president of the Islamic Development Bank, arrived here Tuesday evening to prepare for the fifth annual meeting of the bank's Board of Governors opening Tuesday. The three-day meeting will be attended by representatives of international economic development institutions.

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Fifty killed

Insurgents resist Thai offensive

BANGKOK, Feb. 25 (Agencies) — Insurgents in Thailand's thickly jungled north are fiercely resisting one of the biggest government sweeps in history, military sources reported Wednesday. The sources said some 50 guerrillas of the banned Communist Party of Thailand (CPT) and 10 government troops had been killed in the drive, which began last Wednesday.

The guerrillas were reported to be desperately defending their headquarters, fighting for every inch against the government offensive ordered by Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda, who is also army commander-in-chief. Gen. Prem has described the CPT, which fields an estimated 10,000 armed guer-

illas in about half of Thailand's 72 provinces, as the country's "No. 1 enemy." Targeted in the current drive is a fortified stronghold highland in the lush, highland rain forest of Nong Mae Na in Petchabun province, 350 Kms north of Bangkok.

More than 2,000 troops and rangers, backed by spotter planes and helicopter gunships, have been deployed to wipe out the camp, believed to be the biggest in the north. Front-line reports Wednesday said a mobile operating theater with six surgeons and dozens of army medics, were on standby around the clock to treat wounded soldiers ferried back from the front.

A supreme command source said the oper-

ation, codenamed *Pa Muang Padtsuek* (total victory), had been ordered to halt harassment that was hindering a major highway construction project in the area. The road is part of the government's anti-insurgency strategy aimed at bringing poor and disadvantaged villagers more into the mainstream of Thai national life.

Meanwhile, Italian Foreign minister Emilio Colombo left here Wednesday after a two-day official visit which included talks with Thai leaders on the Kampuchean refugee problem and the fate of an Italian imprisoned in Bangkok on drug charges. Italian diplomatic sources said Colombo also discussed with Thai officials a technical and commercial agreement which may materialize in about one month.

In his talks with Thai Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila, Colombo pledged Italy's continuing aid to Kampuchean refugees in Thailand and to Thai citizens affected by the refugee influx. He also asked the prime minister to grant clemency to a 27-year-old Italian, Giuseppe Castrogiovanni, who was jailed in 1979 on a drugs trafficking conviction.

Foreign ministry sources said Colombo asked the Thai government to pardon Castrogiovanni because he suffers from chronic diabetes. Colombo also toured the Thai-Kampuchea border on Tuesday and visited an Italian-financed hospital at a refugee holding center. He left for New Delhi where he will meet with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and President Sajiva Reddy.

South Africa accuses Soviets of opportunism

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 25 (AFP) — South Africa says the Soviet Union is testing the new Reagan administration in Washington by sending its warships to visit ports in Mozambique. Prime Minister Pieter Botha, giving Pretoria's first high-level reaction to the dispatch of the ships, has accused the Kremlin of opportunism and "gunboat diplomacy". He said he hoped the United States shared South Africa's concern.

The political commentator of South African state radio — whose views are invariably aligned on those of the government — said Tuesday the presence of the Soviet warships at Beira and Maputo was "the first and biggest test that America's new government will have to face."

At least three Soviet navy ships have arrived at Mozambique ports since last month's raid by South African commandos on South African black nationalist targets in a suburb of Maputo, the capital.

Artificial hearts can save men, U.S. scientists hope

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 25 (AP) — Scientists, who successfully removed an artificial heart from a calf and replaced it with another calf's heart, say human patients could one day receive artificial hearts while awaiting transplants.

University of Utah researchers say they hope they will someday implant an artificial heart in a human. A university committee has approved such a plan but the proposal is awaiting a go-ahead from the federal Food and Drug Administration.

Dr. Don Olsen, director of the university's artificial-heart research laboratory, announced Monday that researchers implanted an artificial heart in a calf, then replaced it with a natural calf heart — the first time a natural heart has been successfully transplanted in a growing animal, rather than an adult.

Olsen said Fernando, a 7½-month-old Jersey calf, has lived with the natural heart of his brother, Ricardo, for 94 days. Fernando previously lived with an artificial heart for 44 days, Olsen said. Tennyson, a calf that lived a record 267 days with an artificial heart, was destroyed two weeks ago after antibiotics failed to clear up an infection. Doctors had hoped to replace Tennyson's air-driven, polyurethane heart with the natural heart.

Olsen, who has implanted artificial hearts in animals for nine years at the research center, said two earlier cardiac transplants with calves failed, although one calf lived 29 days with a natural heart. He said Fernando's body did not reject Ricardo's heart.

"Twin calves recognize each other's tissue as self," Olsen said, because the calves' blood is mixed in the placenta before birth. He said doctors eventually hope to exchange the hearts of unrelated calves.

Olsen said doctors had questioned whether a transplanted heart would grow in its donor, but tests on Fernando indicate the heart is growing.

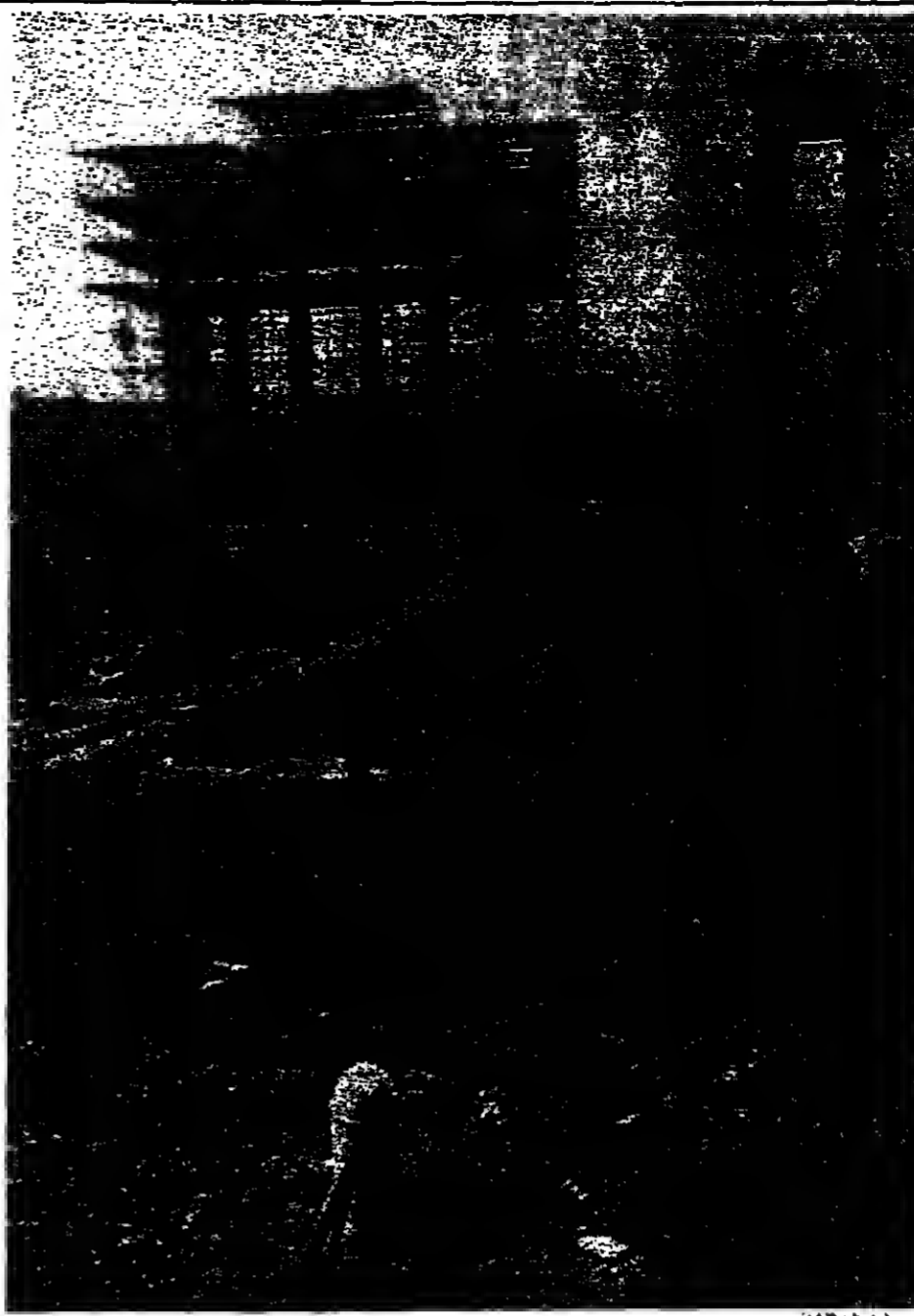
"An artificial heart could be put in a human being in the event of an emergency," Olsen said, "as it is now, some patients actually die before a suitable donor is found." Only two artificial hearts have been implanted in human patients in 1968 a patient in Houston lived 64 hours on an artificial heart before he received a human heart. He died 32 hours later of pneumonia. Last July, an Argentine doctor implanted an artificial heart in a patient who died eight hours later.

Olsen said doctors are unsure how long Fernando will live with the natural heart. "There is no evidence as to how long the heart will last without being rejected," he said.

American balloonists may resume voyage

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25 (AFP) — American balloonists Max Anderson and Don Ida, forced down in India 11 days ago, could resume their attempt to fly round the world March 15, it was reported Wednesday. The two abandoned their attempt Feb. 14 after realizing that their balloon, *Jules Verne*, might not make it across the Himalayas because of a slow leak.

The Press Trust of India Wednesday quoted Anderson as saying he might obtain helium from the United States to re-inflate *Jules Verne*, and enable them to continue their voyage from Jaipur, 250 kms south of here. The pair, who started from Luxor in Egypt Feb. 12, would then head out over Burma, China and the Pacific.



HISTORIC CENTER: The asphalt has been removed and shortly this street, Via della Consolazione, in downtown Rome, will form part of the "park of the Forum," comprehensive of the main historic center of old Rome, from where cars will be banned.

Rome cracks down on auto violators

ROME, Feb. 25 (AP) — In a renewed effort to cut down on pollution and congestion in the "historic center" of Rome, the Communist city administration is imposing *Maxi multe* (super fines) on motorists caught entering or parking illegally in the district. The new fines, double the old ones, range from \$2 to \$40 depending on the violation.

Squads of local police have been assigned to guard the entrances to the medieval quarter, allowing only residents with passes, taxi drivers, and certain motorists with special

permission into the area. A small regiment of tow trucks is ready to swoop down and take away illegally parked cars. In the past, cars were only towed if they were blocking traffic.

Art historians and city planners have long complained that the pollution caused by automobiles is destroying some of Rome's most famous historical monuments. The city government has tried various schemes to cut down on congestion, but motorists have routinely ignored traffic laws, entered the zone illegally and parked their cars anywhere they could find a spot, even on the sidewalk.

Japanese expedition begins trek to Everest

LAMOSANGHU, Nepal, Feb. 25 (AP) — A Japanese Everest expedition began a month-long trek to the base camp Tuesday, leaving its bus which brought the expeditionists here after a 80 kms drive from Kathmandu along the Nepal-Tibet highway.

"We are walking through the ancient trail instead of using an airplane to Lukla, an airstrip in the Everest region, to get ourselves fully acclimatized before assaulting Everest," Ehinichi Nakajima, 42, of the Tokyo, leader of the 20-member team, told the Associated Press.

There is a 200 kms route along ravines and mule tracks, which was used by Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing, the first conquerors of the 8,848-meter world's highest peak in 1953, and other expeditions. But since the fair-weather airstrip at Lukla was opened a decade ago, expeditionists have resorted to modern transportation facilities.

En route to the Khumbu glacier where the Japanese plan to set up their base camp, Nakajima said, they plan to spend eight days around the 6,000-meter high island peak to "give an opportunity to our younger members to practise their technique" on the Himalayas. "We want to be fully prepared to carry out our attack on Everest since we will be making the attempt through the west ridge," Nakajima said.

This is to be the first Japanese venture on Everest through the rocky and steep west ridge, which Nakajima described as "difficult." But he said "we can control that danger." The traditional southeast ridge route through Khumbu icefall is an easier route. But there are many dangerous points on the avalanche-prone route.

The Japanese team, sponsored by Tokyo's Meiji University Alpine Club (MUAC), includes its president and oldest member, 73-year-old Toichiro Katano. Katano, a grandfather of four children, said "good bye" to civilization before moving toward Lamosanghu, a 30-meter suspension bridge, en route to the base camp.

Katano is the oldest man ever to accompany an Everest expedition. He described himself as an "escort to my young crew." The youngest member is Tsuyoshi Takano, a 20-year-old economics student of Meiji. The average age of the team is 28.

Asked how high he will climb, Katano said, "First I will go to the base (5,350 meters)... Then I will climb as high as possible. I want to get some spiritual gift from Everest... I will pray for peace of Asia from there (Everest)."



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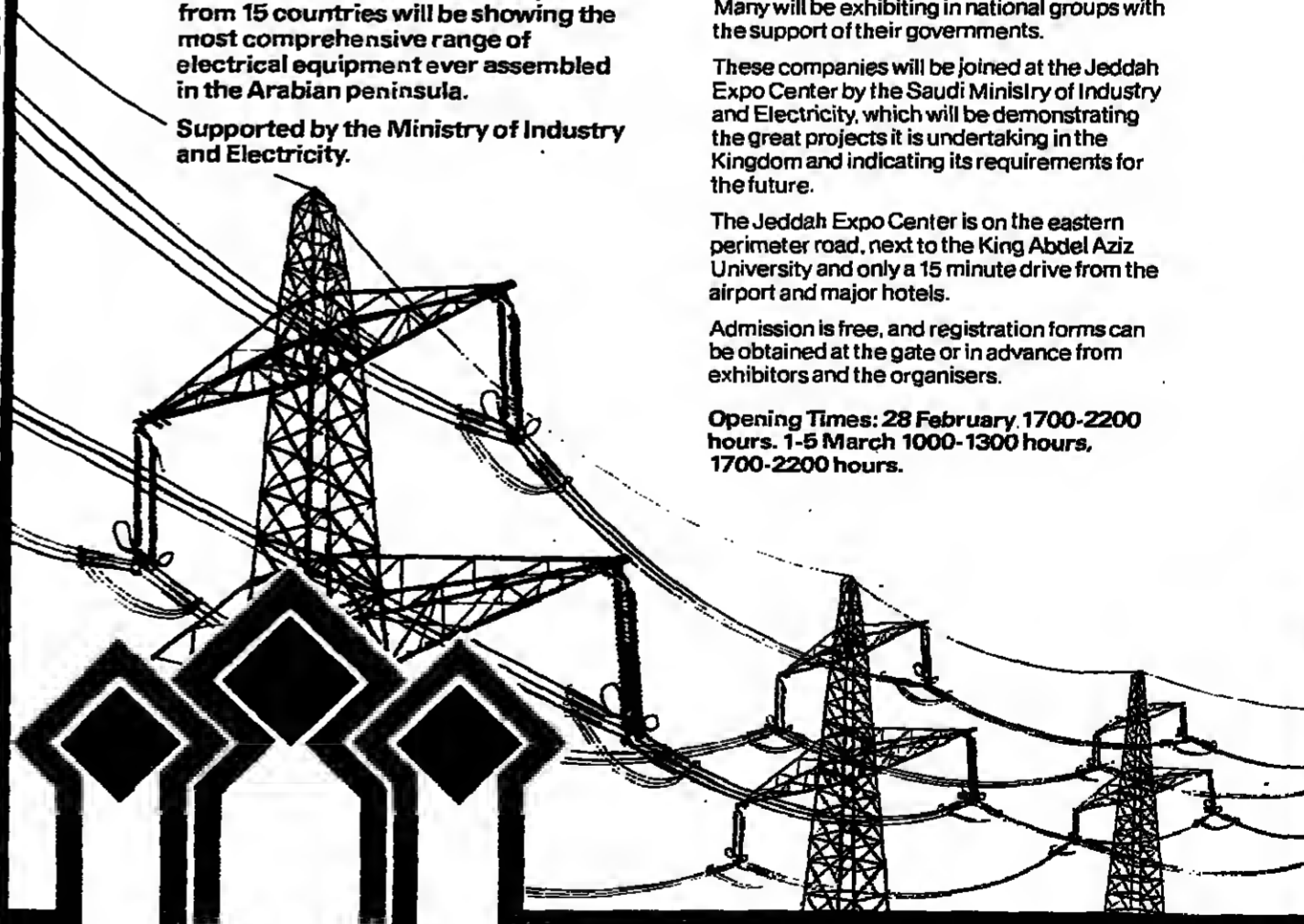
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Residents evacuated

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Apparently started in the truck's engine and burned for about an hour before the rocket exploded, police said.

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Cuba turns down plea over embassy captors

MIAMI, Feb. 25 (AP) — The Cuban government has refused Ecuador's request that it turn over the people who seized Quito's embassy in Havana last week and held the ambassador and several diplomats hostage for six days.



Secretary of State Alexander Haig and William Clark

Senate confirms Clark

Subpoena for Haig tapes dropped

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP) — Over the objections of six Democrats, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has voted not to enforce its subpoena for a list of Nixon White House tapes involving U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

Security, links stressed

Policy paper advocates joint Western force idea

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (AP) — A policy paper by the directors of four prestigious Western institutes of international affairs warns that a "transatlantic malaise" threatens Western security, and urges more cooperative relationship between the United States and its allies.

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BUBBLES OF SOAP

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat considers that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's attack on his organization has been inspired by the United States. The attack was seen in Sadat's statement on the need for the establishment of a Palestinian government-in-exile. He said so before he spoke about an interim government made up from Palestinians living on the West Bank of the Jordan and Gaza Strip.

Now the Egyptian foreign minister, Kamal Hassan, says that the Palestinians agree to set up an interim government-in-exile, and that it would not be inconsistent with the Camp David provisions on the autonomy.

Noticeably, attempts are being made to continue to play with words in order to create confusion between a government-in-exile and an interim government as well as between its internal and external form. The play of words is, however, invariably aimed at hampering the efficiency and the independent nature of the organization.

On the other hand, the Egyptian side admits facing difficulties in negotiations with Israel on the so-called Palestinian autonomy. At the same time, Kamal Hassan says he would await any initiative from Israeli Premier Menahem Begin, while his deputy, Butros Ghali, just looks for some other detente through any new idea mooted by Washington.

However, what is clear so far is that the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations are so much deadlocked that the Egyptian side really finds itself in a quandary. One of the reasons for such a state is that the new U.S. administration is reluctant to embark on the subject before it has passed a few months of its responsible position. Or, maybe, it is because of the fact that West Europe is still groping the way that does not alienate it from the U.S.-inspired ideas.

Until something new and more significant comes up, the bettors on the Camp David will only lead themselves toward the bubbles of soap.



Solidarity and Kania learn to dance together

By Neal Ascherson

LONDON — The noise coming from Poland seemed nothing short of deafening: students and printers, coal miners and private peasants proclaim a strike, or a threat to strike, or the end of a strike; the party waits about counter-revolutionaries, about enemies of socialism who steer Solidarity deliberately into conflicts with the state; the Russians discharge another deafening broadside; in Warsaw, a general becomes prime minister; and, in Washington, the State Department grows so excited about Poland that it becomes incoherent.

But under the uproar, which has seemed destructive and formless in the last three weeks, a form is emerging. It isn't yet a harmony, only a crude under-rhythm. Solidarity and Communist Party leader Stanislaw Kania are learning to dance together. Two weeks ago, for the first time, Kania managed to take advantage of a fresh crisis with Solidarity to defeat his rivals.

Such a crisis period had existed back in

November, over the legal registration of Solidarity and the arrest of a union official. It was a confrontation which seemed to invite Soviet armed intervention, and the party leader could only wring his hands. His rivals, advocates of a tougher course like Stefan Olszowski or Tadeusz Grabski, observed tellingly that they "had told him so."

It was a different story this time. The crisis was equally fearsome. The authorities had fought Solidarity over the five day week and lost on points. Then, they had fought the new union at Bielsko Biala and Jelenia Gora and been roundly beaten. But Kania kept his nerve. He used the party's alarm to strengthen his position.

The Central Committee meeting loudly assailed anti-Socialist elements in Solidarity and hinted at action against the opposition group KOR. But this was largely for public — and Soviet — consumption. The real product was a new government, dominated by some of Kania's most loyal and moderate supporters. The politburo has not changed. Kania is still impeded by hard-line rivals opposed to his course of democratic renewal. But it is the gov-

ernment which has to deal with Solidarity and the nightmarish economic problems day by day — and, this is now solidly Kania's government. Prime Minister Gen. Jaruzelski, who also keeps the defense ministry, is his man. Editor Mieczyslaw Rakowski, who is one of the last party figures loyal to the democratic-Socialist visions of October 1956, becomes the deputy prime minister to deal with the unions.

Poland's chances of pulling through have suddenly improved. The fact that a soldier is prime minister, and that Kania has appealed to the armed forces to stay loyal, does not mean that troops or police will now be used against Solidarity. In his speech to the Sejm (parliament) Kania repeated that problems must be solved peacefully. Jaruzelski has on three occasions — in 1970, 1976 and 1980 — refused to let the Polish army be used against the workers to solve crises which were essentially political.

There are two other arguments for the general's appointment, beside the strengthening of Kania's hand. The first is the deep patriotic respect which

the Polish army still enjoys among the population and the workers. This is the only institution which has not lost prestige through its association with the party. Last December, when the monument to the dead of 1970 at Gdansk was unveiled, the crowds applauded the generals and admirals present but not the party representatives.

Secondly, the Soviet Union must surely be impressed. One of the deepest Soviet fears is that the Polish tumult will threaten their military lines of communication to East Germany, or weaken the loyalty of what is the biggest, best equipped and in many ways most effective army in their alliance: They know Jaruzelski well. While the commands both government and army, they can relax a little. For the moment, something like a breathing-space exists. Jaruzelski, a stem but somehow approachable figure in his glittering medals, asked the nation in his televised Sejm speech for a 90-day truce on strikes. Solidarity's national committee cautiously endorsed the idea. But much more needs to be made clear. If the new government is to win any real confidence.

The question which needs to be answered is simple: do the Gdansk agreements of Aug. 31, 1980, still stand? Solidarity, with Lech Walesa who negotiated and signed those 21 points, insists that they do. The Polish leadership, in contrast, is evasive. Vital points from the Gdansk agreement have been either challenged or shelved. The government's refusal to grant the five-day week was a clear breach. There is still no way to incorporate the new trade unions and the right to strike. Solidarity's access to the media is still in dispute. Jaruzelski, while promising results within six months on other legislation, has said nothing firm about the law limiting censorship. The statutory consultation with Solidarity on matters affecting social conditions and the economy has simply not begun.

Two changes are needed. One is that the party should understand that it is no longer possible to rule Poland by decree. Perhaps the joint Trade Union Commission will be the nucleus of a new institution, in which Solidarity and the government can at last begin a real dialogue. The second change must come from the Soviet side. By inciting Kania to strike decisively at "anti-Socialist" elements in Solidarity, the Soviet propagandists are frustrating their main object: that the Poles solve their own problems. Arrests of KOR activists, or police raids on Solidarity offices will lead straight to a showdown in which force — Polish at first and then almost certainly Soviet — will be used.

If the Poles are to learn to dance together, the brass band next door will have to make less noise.

Letter to the editor

Dear Sir,
The denial made in a letter published by Arab News Jan. 26 that Filipino Muslims were not persecuted is not true. I had witnessed massacres of Muslims by government troops in 1968, 1971 and the burning of our house and the town of Jolo in February 1974.

Very truly yours,
Al Kadi Khaled
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Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers mostly led with the departure of King Carl Gustav and Queen Silvia of Sweden who were seen off at the airport by King Khaled Tuesday. Some newspapers carried as lead story a meeting of the Higher Board for the Development of Riyadh, held under the chairmanship of Crown Prince Fahd, who gave his directives to reorganize the old areas of the Kingdom's metropolis.

Newspapers frontpaged the current events in Spain and said the leader of the revolt has surrendered while King Juan Carlos was reported as saying he would never tolerate any encroachment on the country's stability. In a front-page story, *Al Medina* reported that U.S. administration has told visiting Israeli Foreign Minister Shamir it intends to sell to Saudi Arabia the additional special equipment for the F-15 fighter aircraft. The arrival of Bangladesh President Zia-ur-Rahman in Jeddah next Friday figured prominently in *Al Bilad* which further reported that the Bangladesh leader would then fly on to Tehran as a member of the goodwill delegation which would study the situation now prevailing between Iraq and Iran.

Newspaper editorials further commented on the award of King Faisal International Prize for service to Islam to King Khaled, saying the award reflects the monarch's great services to Islam and Muslims amid the challenging campaigns of Zionist and Communist elements against the faith. *Al Medina* noted in an editorial that the Chairman of the Awar Committee, Prince Khaled Al-Faisal, gave solid justifications on the basis of which King Khaled was

nominated for the award. Referring to the monarch's services to Islam and Muslims, the paper said the present age has been an age of Islamic renaissance in which the King has devoted utmost concern for the promotion of Islam in the world. It expressed gratitude to the Committee for bringing to prominence the people's services to Islam so they receive popular appreciation and admiration for their efforts in the cause of Islam.

On the same subject, *Al Bilad* noted that the award is symbolic of the monarch's great role in the service of Islam and Muslims at a time when Communist and Zionist elements are making desperate efforts to harm Islam and the progress of Muslims in the world. The paper reiterated that the honor done to King Khaled is an honor to every Muslim who keeps the cause of Islam dear at heart.

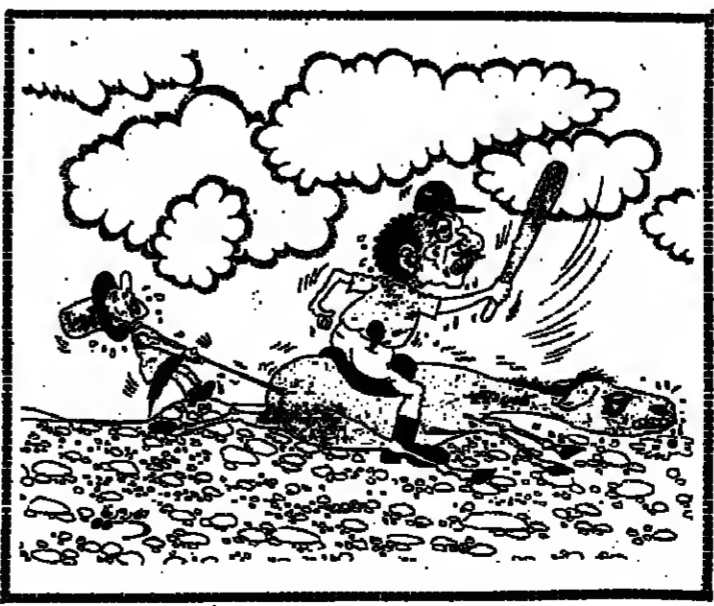
On the other hand, *Al Riyadh* dwelled on the meeting of the Higher Committee for the Development of Riyadh which was chaired by Crown Prince Fahd. It said the crown prince's personal concern provides a fine example of how he tackles the problems of the country with the deep sense of responsibility of an official. The paper added that the meeting of a common man with the minister at the same table is considered a unique matter even in the most democratically-developed countries of northern Europe. It is a matter of great pleasure and pride that the second highest authority in the Kingdom did not hesitate to chair a committee meeting.

Okaz observed in an editorial that the royal direc-

tive to the committee for the reorganization of the metropolis is a realistic translation of the state's keenness to provide the elements of affluent living for the people. It added that a glance at the country's many-faceted development would make it clear that the state is conscious of its responsibility toward the citizens — a matter that has made coherence practically possible between the leader and the led.

Al Jazirah dealt with the National Industry Week, asserting that Saudi Arabia is the most industrially-advanced country of the Third World. The paper highlighted the crown prince's encouragement to the people to boost industry, and urged the country's industrialists to exert more efforts toward quality products so the country's industry earns the confidence of the consumers. It said the industrialists would have to persist in their endeavor to be able to compete with the imported commodities which have invaded the local markets. The paper hoped the state would help to keep the prices of indigenous commodities lower than the prices of imported goods, so that people show a favorable response to the country's quality products and the Kingdom is eventually able to achieve self-sufficiency in industrial products.

On the other hand, *Al Nadwa* discussed the Iraq-Iran war and the efforts of the goodwill delegation which is to visit Baghdad and Tehran shortly. It said the main objective of the mission would be to stress the need for stopping bloodshed between the two Islamic countries.



Camp David struggling with Europe! *Al Medina*

ERRATUM
U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger was erroneously described as Jew by our writer Robert Little on Feb. 22. The error is regretted.

Fleet Street fights for survival

By Robert Chesbire

LONDON (ONS) — Fleet Street, the symbolic home of Britain's national newspapers, has been in a smouldering state of crisis for at least five years. Costs have soared, industrial relations deteriorated and readership — in some areas — declined. The most notable indication that all is far from well has been the two-year drama at Times newspapers, the publishers of *The Times* and *Sunday Times*. As the papers lurched from the trauma to another, the chief characters — managers, editors and union leaders — have become almost as familiar as actors in TV soap operas.

When Australian publisher Rupert Murdoch "emerged" as the likely buyer of two of Britain's most important papers — to add to a mass circulation *Sun* and *News of the World* he already owns — the cry went up that the freedom of the press was in jeopardy because of yet further concentration of newspaper ownership. Now a timely book, *Power without Responsibility* by two left-wing commentators on broadcasting and the press, James Curran and Jean Seaton, examines some of the myths that surround the notion of press freedom. In basic terms, the freedom so cherished is the freedom to own and publish papers, rather than the freedom either to write in them or have one's views expressed in them.

The theory, therefore, is only basically sound if the starting and running of newspapers is within the reach of a large number of people who hold a variety of views — as was the case in the early 19th century, when modest capital and modest circulation could sustain a paper. The authors examine critically the decline in both the numbers of papers published and the variety of their views, and with them the assumption that the press satisfactorily fulfils the functions of expressing public opinion, acting as a check on government and informing public debate.

As printing technology advanced, costs rose and the need to entertain to stay in the field grew, the pressures to conform mounted and the resources needed to run even a modest paper soared. The last Royal Commission in the press estimated in 1977 that it would cost between \$4.8 million and \$7.2 million to set up an evening paper in a town where there was no competition. Even small weeklies tend to belong to large chains, and diversity is almost non-existent. The outcome has not been that papers never disagree, but that they work from within the same consensus view of the world, which is essentially a conservative one.

British papers, therefore, operate on the basis that the *Status quo* is fundamentally sound, and that society is organized in a just manner. When high circulations are so important (mainly because advertising revenue depends on them) championing a cause dear even to a sizeable minority of readers is economically dangerous if it is going to drive away other readers. Under these pressures some papers lose their identity entirely, and when they die even their best friends find it hard to argue that press freedom has been diminished. The recent "merger" of the *London Evening News* and *Evening Standard* was such a case.

But *The Times* and the *Sunday Times* are in a different league, which is why Murdoch has been required to give unprecedented guarantees of editorial independence, including the appointment of a board of distinguished figures to oversee the selection and dismissal of editors. The concept that it is illegitimate for a proprietor to say what goes into his papers is early a hard one for Murdoch to come to terms with: in any other business the boss is entitled to lay down the law on any aspect of its operation.

The British belief that an editor should be independent of his proprietor stems from five days of press barons like Beaverbrook, who once sent 147 directives on one day to the *Daily Express*, and Northcliffe, who would ring an editor at 6 a.m. shouting: "Wake up, wake up. Have you seen the pap-



FIGHT FOR LIFE: London's Fleet Street, famous for newspaper publication, is fighting for survival because of worsening industrial relations, the management, seeks to cut down manning costs and modernize, but the unions want to preserve their jobs at any cost including the use of archaic machinery and methods.

ers yet?" Editorial independence is at best a distancing device, because in the end no owner, however benevolent, is going to tolerate a paper which, for example, attacks his other commercial interest.

The book also tackles another press myth — that neutrality is the same thing as independence. It is a concept enshrined in British broadcasting practice — that ideally everyone should be given equal air space, regardless of the merit of their case. In newspapers this "balance" tends to take the form of obligatory denials by anyone who has had something adverse said about them. Independence, of course, means making up one's own mind and sticking to one's guns — perhaps, best summed up in the phrase "publish and be damned."

Surprisingly, Curran and Seaton do not turn their attention to the emergence of left-wing newspapers run by Trotskyist groups, such as the *Socialist Worker* and *News-line*. In a sense, these papers might claim to be the heirs of the radical, small-circulation papers of the 19th century. Their formula to increase the diversity of the press includes the establishment of an "Open Press Authority," which would among other things, fund people trying to start a paper for the first time. They would also like to see anti-monopoly legislation strengthened, so that it would be harder for men like Murdoch to acquire yet more titles.

These are not ideas that will prosper under a Conservative government, and in the next

few months, against the background of deep recession, there are certain to be further fundamental changes in the Fleet Street landscape.

'Power without Responsibility' The Press and Broadcasting in Britain. By James Curran and Jean Seaton. Fontana Original (£2.95p. U.K.)

Arab News Diary

JEDDAH

MORE THAN TWO hundred guests attended Conrad Noyon's birthday party last Tuesday evening at his residence amidst an atmosphere of the twenties which was created by the decor and the costumes in which the friends were invited to the function. Jazz music, children's musical movements and a sumptuous meal all added to the surroundings and were enjoyed by all. Noyon's wife, *Caroline Haffner*, the well-known pianist, celebrates Conrad's birthday each year in this elaborate manner. She is planning to leave for Beirut soon to give a solo piano recital on March 5. She is also scheduled to appear on the Lebanese television on March 9.

THE AMBASSADOR of the United States and Mrs. John West gave a reception at their residence Sunday to celebrate the anniversary of the Independence of the U.S. The function, which is usually held on the July 4, was this year held to synchronize the anniversary of the birth of *George Washington*, the first President of the U.S. The reception was well attended by local dignitaries, members of the diplomatic Corps and the local American community. It was also a chance for the many friends of the West to say goodbye to Mrs. West who was leaving the Kingdom later that night after a very successful tour with her husband of this country. Ambassador West, also due to leave the post, is reportedly been asked to continue in the position till the nomination of his successor.

A TEA PARTY was held by the Board members of the *Jamiah Al Khariyah Women's Welfare Society* Monday evening to say farewell to *Helena Duncan* who was long associated with the activities of the Khariyah. Mrs. Najat Assad, in a speech on behalf of the society, praised and thanked Helena for her contribution and keen interest in the work of the society and presented her with the emblem of the society and a gold medal in appreciation of her services. Later, a tea party was held.

THE LUCERNE STRING QUARTET gave a successful performance Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Swiss Embassy. The performance was warmly applauded by the audience as the young musicians gave a rendering of several well-known compositions. The Quartet is off to Riyadh for another concert there Thursday.

THE DANISH Ambassador's wife, Mrs. Pensak Hovitz invites Danish ladies for coffee Sunday, March 1, at 10.00 a.m. at the Danish residence.

A THREE-DAY panel discussion under the aegis of the *Al-Faisaliah Women's Welfare Society* will be held from March 3 to 5. All women's welfare societies in the Kingdom are expected to participate. While the first two days are set for closed discussion, women journalists are welcome to attend the session on March 5.

THE N.H.S. will meet at USGS off Madinah Road on March 7 at 8:00 p.m. *Malcolm Hooper* will talk on the proposed reopening of the 'Cradle of gold' mine at Mahd adh Dhahab. The talk will be accompanied by a documentary on the same subject.

AL KHAIRIYAH Women's welfare society on Mecca Road is offering ten week audio-

visual courses in Arabic, English, and French. There will be a minimum four-hour tuition in each course per week. Enrolment is Sunday, March 1. For more information call on Tel. No. 6875521 and 6879571.

RIYADH

RIYADH PALACE HOTEL held its anniversary Tuesday the 16th of February. The program included a documentary on the hotel followed by a buffet hosted by M.J. *Dorner Phcima*, the General Manager, for invites.

ATTENTION NEWCOMERS! A brand new hotel has come up on Airpon which had its pre-inauguration dinner on Feb. 17. A PIA (Pakistan International Airline) and Saudi concern, the hotel has two restaurants offering French and Pakistani cuisines.

THE LUCERNE STRING QUARTET is playing Thursday Feb. 26, at 8.30. p.m. at *Al-Khacama Hotel* sponsored by Saudia and Swissair. The Quartet was founded by *Ganars Larsens* in 1973. The quartet has had numerous radio and television engagements throughout Europe and has built up a reputation for performance of works by contemporary composers.

EASTERN PROVINCE

SHAKESPEARE'S Henry V. the long-awaited major production of the *Backstage* Group opens March 5 at the Lido, in the Al Rowdah Compound, Khobar.

IF YOU'VE ALWAYS wanted to learn Arabic, but somehow or other never got around to it, there is good news for you. Suleiman Nasrallah, who has probably taught Arabic to more expatriates here than anyone else, is offering courses in the UPM's Department of Continuing Education. There are three classes for beginners, and each for intermediate and advanced students. All classes are in the early evening: beginners from 6-7 p.m. Saturday and Monday, or 7-8 p.m. those same days, or 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays; intermediate students meet from 6-7 p.m. Sundays and Tuesdays; while advanced students have their lessons from 7-8 p.m. Sundays and Tuesdays. Registration is this Monday and Tuesday, March 2 and 3, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Room 1 of the English Language Center at UPM. Cost of the course is SR 285.

NEXT THURSDAY, March 5, is the last day for Shutterbugs to submit their entries for the Swissair photo competition at the Al-Gosabi Hotel.

THE CLOWNS return to the Ramada Hotel this Friday after a brief vacation. The fun begins at 12:30 p.m. and continues until about 1 p.m.

THE PATCHWORK QUILT exhibition continues until the end of the month at the *Arab Heritage Gallery*.

IN DAMMAM Ja *Franklin Trout*, Bert *Van Munster*, Tom *Koester*, and Glenn *McKinnin* were enjoying some of their last days in Saudi Arabia. Here for the last two months for the American television network, *PBS*, they have been filming a three-part series on Saudi Arabia. They now have over 50 hours of film footage which they must edit to fit the three one-hour shows which will appear next fall. "It is the largest thing on a single country *PBS* has done," said Miss Trout. "The reality of Saudi Arabia is more fascinating than the myth" she added.

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Wallace does the trick

Cruyff likely to play for Leicester City

LONDON, Feb. 25 (AFP) — Jock Wallace pulled off a dramatic coup Tuesday when he persuaded World Cup star Johan Cruyff to join First Division strugglers, Leicester City.

Wallace confirmed his intention to join Leicester on a telephone call: "The financial side of things has been agreed," said Wallace.

There is a chance Cruyff could make his debut in Saturday's home game against Nottingham Forest. A delighted Wallace said, "I have been after Cruyff for a long time. He will be the biggest draw in the First Division."

Cruyff, Europe's highest paid professional when he played for Barcelona for five seasons cannot return to Spanish League football because of tax problems.

Arsenal and Chelsea both refused to breach their wage structure to accommodate him. But now Leicester are ready to pay him more than double the amount a Scottish side gave George Best for coming off retirement last season.

Meanwhile, former England captain Gerry Francis returned to his old club Queen's Park Rangers from their cross-London First Division rivals Crystal Palace.

Francis, a midfielder who left Rangers in May 1979 at a cost of £450,000 sterling, played in 59 league matches for Palace.

Since Dario Gradi arrived there as manager last month, in place of the dismissed Malcolm Allison he has sought a move.

Francis cost Rangers about £150,000 sterling. He has played 12 times for England but not since 1977.

The Scottish team is taking no chances in the World Cup European Group Six qualifying match against Israel Wednesday.

Though favorites to win the game at Israel's National Stadium in the Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Gan, Scotland are prepared for a strong challenge.

Team manager Jock Stein told reporters Tuesday, "We saw Israel play several games

Table with 2 columns: Team, Goals. Rows include Arsenal, Brighton, Bolton, Scunthorpe, Stenhousemuir, Manchester City, Southampton, Oldham, Port Vale, Albion.

and they had some good results. This is a very important game for us and we want to win it. Therefore we shall not play on the defensive."

Jack Maosli, Israel's English-born coach, said his players are less experienced than the Scots, but he believes they could win. "We shall play attacking football," he said.

To qualifying matches, Israel drew with Northern Ireland and Sweden and lost only to Portugal 3-0 in Lisbon. The Scots have done better. They beat Sweden 1-0 and drew 0-0 with Portugal in Glasgow.

Several top Israeli players will miss Wednesday's but the Israelis will benefit from the expertise of several exiled compatriots playing in the English League.

Israel's best-known players, Liverpool left-back Coheo, is expected to play in spite of a knee injury. So is Yacov Cohen, who has played for Brighton.

Scottish manager Stein will put his team through a last practice session before he decides on a line-up. Ally Dawson, a Glasgow Rangers defender, injured at the weekend, will be missing.



OPENER: West Ham's Alan Devonshire (right) bumps the ball before Cambridge's Steve Fallon (No. 5) can fall him for his team's first goal in the English Soccer League Saturday.

Ali — the good, the bad and the ugly

By Dave Kindred

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. — News accounts say Muhammad Ali had nothing to do with Muhammad Ali Professional Sports Inc., except that he sold his name for 10 per cent of the gross. This puts him at a safe legal distance from suggestions that the bosses of MAPS may be involved in an alleged \$20 million embezzlement scheme.

It is yet another symptom, as is the proposed San Juan fight, of Ali's desperate, degrading need for money and fame.

The clock ticks: In the flush years of his ascendancy, Ali boasted he would never be "one of those nigger fighters who shine shoes when they get old." He sneered at Joe Louis, gave handouts to Sugar Ray Robinson and brought Kid Gavilan in out of the cold. With his megamillions — with his apartment building in Cleveland, the farm in Michigan, the big house in Cherry Hills, the camp at Deer Lake — with his investments handed by his Chicago lawyers, with his movie career and lecture fees, Ali had no worries with all this, he said.

Then came the candy bar. For 60 cents in the lobby of the Sheraton-Lanham Motel in Maryland three years ago, you could buy a

Muhammad Ali candy bar with the fighter's picture on the wrapper. This was before the Alfredo Evangelista fight at Capital Center.

"When did they start making Muhammad Ali candy bars?" someone asked a woman selling them. "They're brand new," she said. "Any good?" "Muhammad wouldn't have anything to do with something that's so good."

Shortly came the Roach spray commercial. Ali was fighting Roaches when he wasn't fighting Leon Spinks.

Then one sad day in his retirement, Ali was on the grounds of the Washington monument fighting tooth decay. Bloated to almost 250 pounds, Ali put on trunks and gloves and climbed into a makeshift ring to fight tooth decay. Tooth decay was a guy wearing a white jumpsuit.

A supermarket bought Ali that day. For sale: an athlete once great, a man of majesty wasted. Price: a candy bar or a can of spray or 10 per cent of the gross or whatever you can pay.

"Who steals my purse steals trash," said the villainous, double-dealing Iago. "But he that filches from me my good name, robs me of that which not enriches him, and makes me poor indeed."

Ali's name enriches little today. At every turn, we see how he conned us for so long. His

story needs no telling here today, except to say he earned lasting respect in two arenas only. By his eternal shows of justified pride, he made blacks think better of themselves. And in the ring, completely honest, giving his soul to the war, Ali may have been the greatest fighter ever, surely the most thrilling with his size, grace and courage.

The clock ticks. As Ali sneered at broken-down fighters on the scuffle, now comes the Dandy Sugar Ray Leonard sneering at Ali. Leonard sells 7-Up and Dr. Pepper. "No Roach commercials," Leonard says, snapping the lash at the falling champ.

We knew it was an act, Ali's 20 years of con. We hoped there was something behind the curtain. No one expected Ali to be a global ambassador at the call of the president. If Ali thought so, and he did, he learned better when Jimmy Carter duped him into an African trip that demeaned Ali by demonstrating his political naivete. Nor did anyone believe Ali had a future in the movies — even playing himself, he was a wooden mumbler.

We went along with the con because it was fun, and we hoped that under it there was dignity. Maybe he truly could be a minister, as he insisted he wanted to. Maybe he could be the new Malcolm X, preaching dignity and struggle for blacks without demanding universal hatred of whites. That is the best Ali can

Hadlee bowls Kiwis to 62-run victory

WELLINGTON, Feb. 25 (AFP) — New Zealand defeated India by 62 runs on the fourth day of the first cricket Test in Wellington Wednesday India were dismissed for 190 runs in 75.3 overs.

India began the day conceding 253 runs for victory, after having dismissed New Zealand in its second innings for only 100 runs, the lowest score ever for the host side against India.

India's failure to achieve a win can in part be attributed to the New Basin Reserve wicket, which although it was forecast to be a seamers pitch, produced little bounce on the final day and deceived quite a few of the batsmen.

But a number of the Indians can be blamed for undisciplined shots which led to their dismissal.

New Zealand's right-arm fast bowler Richard Hadlee front form in the second innings and took four wickets for 65 runs. Gary Troup, Carins and Martin Snedden: making his Test debut, took two each. Sandeep Patil, who top scored with 42 Wednesday, was awarded the Rothman's Indian player man of the match award. He also top-scored in his teams first innings with 64.

Geoff Howarth was given the Rothman's award for the New Zealand team in recognition of his first innings total of 137, the high-

est Test total ever hit at the Basin Reserve.

The ninth wicket to fall in the innings was that of Ravi Shastri, the Bombay 18-year-old who was flown from India to make his Test debut to reinforce a bowling lineup weakened by the unavailability of Deep Doshi, Shivlal Yadav, and Karsan Ghavri.

He played a defensive shot to a mid-end delivery on the offside and ocked it into the gloves of Ian Smith, to be out for 18 runs. His ninth wicket partnership with Roger Binny, the second highest of the innings, added 34 runs to the total in 70 minutes and ended with India nine down for 170.

The match continued for nine more overs before Yograj Singh raised his bat to a high bouncing ball from Hadlee one of the few deliveries to reach any height and got the edge to give wicketkeeper Smith his seventh catch of only his second Test.

Yograj scored six runs in 37 minutes and the batsman out out after 111 minutes at the crease was Roger Binny on 26.

Score-board table with columns for Team, Innings, and Runs. Includes sub-tables for India (1st and 2nd), New Zealand (1st and 2nd), and Extras.

Georgetown match off GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Feb. 25 (AFP) — A scheduled one-day limited overs match between the touring England cricket team and Guyana was called off here Tuesday because of a muddy outfield.

The English team has not played since arriving here last Friday following an innings defeat in the first Test against the West Indies in Port of Spain.

Women's Test drawn JAIPUR, India, Feb. 25 (AP) — A fighting, unbeaten knock off by Indian women's cricket captain Shantika Rangaswamy enabled the home team to hold out for a draw Tuesday in the sixth and final Test match against England. The series ended without producing a result, with five days while the fifth Test at Jaipur and Kashmir was abandoned.



"THE GREATEST": Muhammad Ali in all smiles.

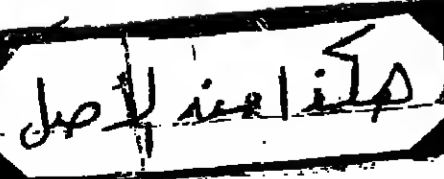
give us, and it would be a wonderful thing. It would be, too, irony so rich as to be the stuff of fiction.

Khalifa nets equalizer for Saudi Arabia SINGAPORE, Feb. 25 (R) — Saudi Arabia and Singapore drew 1-1 in a friendly soccer match here Tuesday night. After trailing 1-0 at the interval, Saudi Arabia equalized through substitute Saleh Khalifa.

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George Johnson excels

Spurs scrape past Warriors

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs are well known for their backcourt duo of George Gervin and James Silas, but George Johnson is still the best on the team...

period, but Ran Brewer scored 16 points to lead a 44-point San Antonio explosion in the second quarter to give the Spurs a 76-68 half-time lead...

Lakers 107, Bulls 97: Norm Nixon scored 24 points and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Jamaal Wilkes added 23 apiece to lead Los Angeles over Chicago...

Top stars to participate in Jeddah Motocross

JEDDAH, Feb. 25 — The second Motocross meet of the year is scheduled for March 6 when EMCA play host to an international field at their track near the Petromin tank farm on the Medina Road...

class at the Jan. 16 meet. Berg Prytz (Swe) and Jerry Engman are also expected to give Tuveesson some strong competition...

Photo contest

Camera enthusiasts have a chance to show their prowess in a competition sponsored by Ahmed Hassan Fikahi, who is offering one of their new range of Cerina Quartz watches to the best photograph taken at the March 6 Motocross meet...

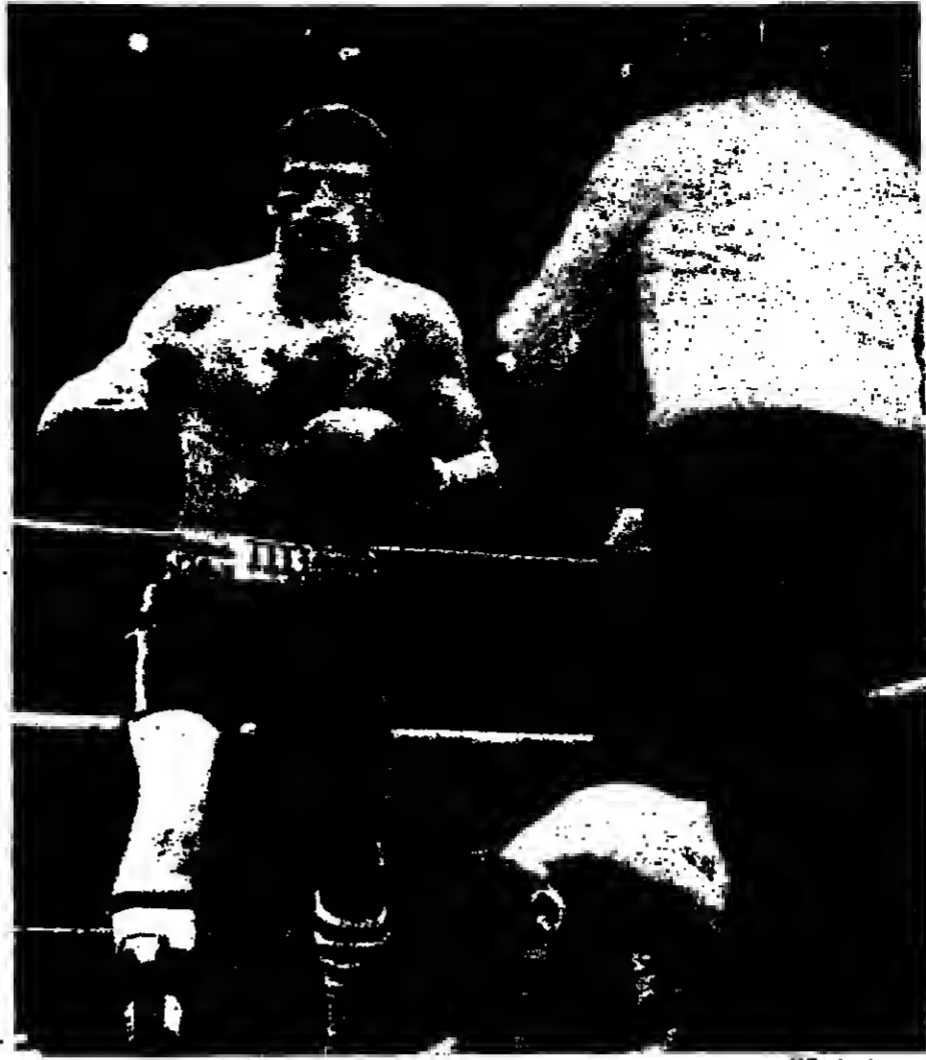
In the small bike class (125 cc) Josse Binst is expected to take top honors after the departure from Jeddah of his main rivals. With Jorg Wilkins now in Iraq, Helge Mattes in the German Navy, and Erhard Hufenus back in Switzerland enjoying married life...

Sweden prevails

ST. ETIENNE, Feb. 25 (AFP) — Sweden emerged the strongest challenger to Poland from Pool 'A' of the Group 'B' World Handball Championships...

Beaumont to lead

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 25 (AFP) — Billy Beaumont, who was captain of the "British Lions" team that toured South Africa last year will lead a strong Old Collegians invitational side to play the Orange Free State in Bloemfontein on April 11, it was announced here Wednesday...



ON THE MOVE: Britain's Charlie Magri being ordered by the referee to the neutral corner after he knocked down Enrique Rodriguez Cal of Spain.

Referee stops bout in second Magri keeps European title

LONDON, Feb. 25 (AFP) — Charlie Magri of Britain took four minutes to brush off the challenge to his European flyweight title from Enrique Rodriguez Cal of Spain at the Albert Hall Tuesday...

The referee put a stop to the fight which was scheduled for 12 rounds after the Spaniard had been knocked four times. It was the first professional defeat for the Spaniard, who had a very distinguished amateur career...

Cal was sent crashing to the floor three more times with right-fisted body blows. After only one minute of the second round the referee stopped the fight...

Magri said after the fight: "I didn't expect it to be so quick. This fight was a world title eliminator for me. The first body shot was a terrific punch and really did the damage..."

Meanwhile, with 16 boxes killed in the ring during the last two years, fight experts called for increased government supervision of the sport and more sophisticated medical care for its athletes...

Pacheco and other officials and promoters spoke at a seminar on Boxing injury before six nation-televized fights by young professionals. Pacheco called for safety precautions among the nation's State Boxing Commissions...

Trey Waltke surprises McEnroe

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb. 25 (AFP) — John McEnroe crashed out of the \$175,000 Memphis Tennis Grand Prix when he lost 2-6, 4-6 to fellow American Trey Waltke in a second round match here Tuesday night...

The 22-year-old world number two showed signs of fatigue, having just arrived from Australia where he lost 1-2 in an exhibition series with Bjorn Borg...

Waltke, who does not even merit a place in the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) top 100, kept his unforced errors to a minimum as McEnroe struggled in vain to find something like his real serve and form...

Seventh seed, Eliot Teltscher breezed to an easy victory over unseeded John Lloyd 6-1, 6-2, fourth-seeded Brian Teacher of Los Angeles defeated Ben Testerman of Knoxville, Tennessee 7-5, 6-3...

Another crowd favorite, Terry Moor of Memphis defeated John Sadri of Charlotte, North Carolina, 6-7, 6-4, 6-2.

U.K. players detained briefly in Lagos

LONDON, Feb. 25 (AP) — John Feaver, Britain's tennis player, and two other British players were detained in Lagos on arrival over the weekend and unceremoniously put on a plane to Amsterdam the following day...

They had visas stamped in their passports only last week by the Nigerian diplomatic representative in London. No reason was given for their detention, Feaver said.

"We spent the night in a locked room with bars," he added. "We were treated courteously but I objected to being locked up with a British passport in my pocket."

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Iran proposal OPEC urged to link prices of crude, gas

TEHRAN, Feb. 25 (R) — Iran has published proposals it said it had put to other OPEC members to link the price of oil and natural gas, a move industry experts believe could influence world prices.

A statement from the oil ministry Tuesday said Iran put the proposals to a meeting of the OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) pricing committee in Geneva.

Last week, ministers from six OPEC nations met in Geneva and reports in the specialized press said they had discussed the possibility of linking oil and gas prices.

Publication of the proposals followed the breakdown earlier this month of talks between Algeria and the United States on a higher price for Algerian gas supplies, negotiations which oil experts believe could set a trend for world gas prices.

Algerian gas sales to the United States were suspended last year when the U.S. company El Paso and the Algerian state

Bonn ready to study

Polish debt problem

BONN, Feb. 25 (AP) — West Germany is willing to consider rescheduling Poland's debts, but would only do so in consultation with Poland's other Western creditors, Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff said Tuesday.

Lambsdorff and other ministers met Tuesday with Henric Kisiel, a Polish deputy premier and planning commission chief.

West Germany would "gladly" study the debt issue in conjunction with its allies, Lambsdorff said.

He told his Polish guest that this country would also favor proposals before the European Commission to provide more food to Poland.

Farmers' exodus worries Morocco

RABAT, Feb. 25 (R) — An exodus from the land by Moroccan peasants is posing a threat to national security, King Hassan was quoted as saying. The Moroccan news agency MAP said Tuesday the king told a conference on agricultural problems in Marrakesh Monday that Moroccan cities were becoming congested by the drift.

He said that only 56 per cent of the country's population lived on the land, compared

company Sonatrach failed to agree on a price, an issue which the Algerians and Washington administrations would both have to approve.

The Iranian Oil Ministry said the proposals were based on the three following criteria: Equalising oil and gas prices according to their BTU (British thermal unit) heating values at source. Multiplying this price by a coefficient taking into account market preference for gas over other petroleum fuels.

Adding the costs needed to take into account the heavy investment involved in exporting natural gas.

Western energy experts believe that the attempt by Algeria, which has the world's fourth-largest gas reserves, to drive up the price of gas seemed to have faltered with the failure of the U.S.-Algerian negotiations.

Gas prices have risen from around \$2 to \$3 per million BTU at the start of this year to around \$4 and industry analysts expect it to go even higher because of increasing world demand.

Iran has taken a tough line over the price of its gas supply to the Soviet Union. Tehran wanted to increase the price five-fold to \$3.63 dollars.

Moscow said it would agree to pay 3.5 times the old price on the 10 billion cubic meters it bought annually, but Iran refused to accept these terms.

Algeria, also an OPEC member, has been closely watched by other gas exporters during its protracted negotiations with El Paso. Industry analysts believe that if Algeria manages to get its way with the American company, this would set a precedent for other clients such as France, and potential customers such as West Germany, Holland and Italy.

to 80 per cent in the 1940s.

Figures produced by the World Bank show an increase of 8.7 per cent in Morocco's urban population between 1960 and 1980, a figure roughly in keeping with other countries in a similar economic position.

The king was quoted as saying the drift from the land constituted a "political danger and a threat to the security of our country." He did not elaborate.



MOTOR SHOW: The second annual motor show in the Eastern Province began on Feb. 14 at the Alghosabi Hotel & Exhibition Center. The show, which will continue to the end of the month, has attracted 17,000 visitors who viewed 92 vehicles on display. The organizers, Mounir Tadros, general manager of the hotel, and Akram Zaghoul, public relations manager, are seen in the foreground.

Mexico to spend \$3.4 billion on petrochemical industry

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 25 (R) — Assured of abundant domestic oil supplies, the Mexican government has announced expansion plans for its petrochemical industry.

Jorge Diaz Serrano, head of the state oil concern Pemex, which controls the production of basic petrochemicals told a trade conference this month that Mexico was set to invest about \$3.4 billion in the industry in the next five years.

Mexico, the world's fifth biggest oil producer, currently produces about eight million tons of basic petrochemicals annually including ammonia, sulphur, methanol and ethylene oxide — all by-products of oil used in the building materials for the likes of plastics, paints and medicines.

He said the expansion, involving the construction of almost 50 new processing plants, would increase Mexico's annual petrochemical production to 28 million tons 1986.

"Mexico has the fastest growing petrochemical industry in the world," said Diaz Serrano and the figures led credence to his statement.

During the last three years, the Mexican economy, boosted by huge oil finds, grew at healthy annual rate of about 7.5 per cent but this has been easily outstripped by the petrochemical sector, which has registered an

average 18 per cent growth each year.

A spokesman for the state commission of petrochemical industries said that Mexico now met 75 per cent of its domestic needs in basic petrochemicals. "We hope to be self-sufficient within two years and then perhaps we can step up our exports," he said. The commission spokesman said the first plants in the most important complex, now being built in Veracruz state in eastern Mexico, had just gone into operation. "The plants at La Canvreja will provide another 3.5 million tons of capacity when they are all producing in the middle of next year, he said.

The huge complex comprises 20 plants, some with production capacity of up to 500,000 tons a year and is the first of four of similar size planned by the government.

The other three are hoped "in full production before 1986. Mexico now has about 90 petrochemical plants though all much smaller than the Canvreja complex. The urgent need for a fully developed petrochemical industry to satisfy the ever-growing demands of Mexico's booming economy was emphasized by Diaz Serrano.

The Pemex head said Mexico wanted a quick end to the imports of basic petrochemicals at world prices and the subsequent losses through subsidized sales to secondary industries.

BRIEFS

DACCA, (AP) — Indonesia will supply Bangladesh with 300,000 tons of crude oil this year, an increase from its earlier contract of 200,000 tons, officials said. The additional Indonesian oil will meet the shortfall caused by the non-availability of Iraqi oil.

ISLAMABAD, (AFP) — Pakistan has agreed to help the west African state of Guinea Bissau develop its water resources and grow rice on a scientific basis, officials said here. Pakistani Finance Minister Ghulam Ishaq Khan made the offer during talks with Guinea Bissau's Fuel and Industry Minister Samba Lamine Mane, who is on a visit to Pakistan.

LONDON, (AFP) — A research program for the development on electronics is to be undertaken in Britain with a budget of £10 million (\$22.5 million). An agreement on this was announced Tuesday by the Chloride and Lucas companies, who decided to combine efforts.

LONDON, (AFP) — Imports from the Philippines into Britain of undergarments are to be restricted to 2,150,000 pairs in 1981 and 2,179,000 pairs in 1982, the British Department of Trade has announced.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — More than 40,000 employees of the government-run Life Insurance Corporation launched a nationwide work stoppage Tuesday to protest legislation before parliament that could hurt their pay scales, the United News of India reported. The day-long strike was peaceful, the news agency said.

OSLO, (AP) — Exxon Corporation's

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Dutch Guilder (100)	144.00	—	146.75
Egyptian Pound	—	4.16	4.33
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French Franc (100)	67.00	69.00	68.11
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Indian Rupee (100)	—	40.30	40.15
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.35	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	33.00	33.40	33.20
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.10	16.15	16.18
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.50	10.447
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.23	12.21
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Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	72.00	70.25
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.30	33.84
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	43.95
Pound Sterling	7.49	7.54	7.46
Qatari Ryal (100)	—	92.00	91.90
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	159.75
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	39.44
Swiss Franc (100)	176.00	160.00	175.75
Syrian Lira (100)	—	57.00	85.85
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
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U.S. aide hints at imposing total embargo against Russia

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (R) — U.S. trade representative Bill Brock has said approval of sales of high technology products to the Soviet Union would be linked to Soviet actions in other areas and that he would not rule out a complete trade embargo.

The future sales would depend on the actions of the Soviet Union in the world community, he told the Congressional Joint Economic Committee. He added: "It has not been a responsible member of late."

"I don't know how you can deal with people except in the totality of the relationship," he said. "There are links."

Asked by reporters whether the Reagan administration was considering an across-the-board trade embargo against the Soviet Union, Brock said: "I wouldn't rule out any option at the moment."

President Carter restricted exports of high-technology goods such as computers to the Soviet Union in January, 1980, as a protest against the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and also imposed a partial embargo on sales of U.S. grain. Both measures are still in effect.

Referring to exports, Brock said the United States must eliminate programs and

regulations that inhibit domestic companies from taking full advantage of world trade markets.

He said key export "disincentives" are U.S. taxation of foreign-earned income, export controls, the foreign act, and certain environment and safety programs and regulations.

In answer to a question from Republican Senator William V. Roth Jr., of Delaware, he said: "It is something akin to hiding our head under the sheets if we don't admit that trade is a high priority for this country."

"We are a trading nation," he said. "And we're darn good, but we place barriers on ourselves. We also have to get tough with our friends and tell them access to our markets means access to theirs."

Brock also said the problems with the domestic auto industry is more complex than just legally reducing Japanese imports, as proposed in legislation by Democrat Senator Lyod Bentsen of Texas who chaired the hearing.

In a larger context, we probably would have a problem with the domestic industry even if we didn't have any imports," said Brock "we need to deal with it in a more fundamental sense."

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" " "	Construction of a civil defense building in Alifaj	13	500	March 15
" " "	Construction of a civil defense building in Biljirshi	18	500	March 14
" " "	Maintenance of lift at the Directorate's premises in Riyadh	21	100	March 15
Directorate of the National Guard, Riyadh	Supply of fuel, lubricants for the Guard's vehicles in different regions	33/400/401	500	March 7
Department of Education, Al-Lahj	Construction of a building for Shaab Al-Ma'arif school	11	200	April 6
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6.	Arab Dabor	S.C.S.A.	Durra/General	22.2.81
8.	Amstardroef	O.C.E.	Begged Wheat	18.2.81
10.	Saudi Trader	Oc.Trede	Rebar/Contra/Peper/General	23.2.81
11.	Spartan Reefer	O.C.E.	Frozen Chickens	23.2.81
12.	Maldiva Noble	Alatas	Sorghum/Beans/Gen.	16.2.81
19.	Torn Herdis	Alsaabah	Bulk Cement	24.2.81
22.	Tano River	Alireza	Cement/Gen/Steel	24.2.81
25.	Aragece	Alireza	Contra/Gen/Selt	23.2.81
26.	Hilco Skier	Star	Bananas	22.2.81
28.	Vassiliki	H.S.S.C.	Durra	22.2.81
42.	Med Freezer	O.C.E.	Frozen Chickens	23.2.81

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Condor	Star	General	25.2.81
Leblon	El Hawi	Begged Berley	25.2.81
Anitta	Kanoo	Flour/Rice/Drums Oil/Tyres	25.2.81
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Ibn Al Afkani	Kanoo	Cont./Load MTYs	25.2.81
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4.	Emilia Maersk	Kanoo	Gen/Contra	23.2.81
9.	Hoegh Orchids	Kanoo	Containers	24.2.81
11.	Blua Express	OCE	Rice	12.2.81
12.	Kota Jaya	Alireza	Rice	11.2.81
14.	Maersk Astro	Kanoo	General	25.2.81
17.	Aegean Sun	Alsaade	Barley/Gen.	16.2.81
18.	Pleias	Gulf	Bagged Cement	13.2.81
21.	One West-9	SEA	Bagged Cement	7.2.81
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Italy blocks EEC farm package

BRUSSELS, Feb. 25 (R) — Italy blocked a wide-ranging EEC farm package covering New Zealand butter imports to Britain and other issues because it failed to get big enough sugar production quotas for its farmers.

"For us it's no," an Italian spokesman told journalists Tuesday after hours of closed-door bargaining between farm ministers from the 10 EEC member states.

Earlier, British Farm Minister Peter Walker had said that an accord on sugar production quotas, imports of Australian beef and New Zealand butter and aids to EEC farmers was in sight, unblocking months of deadlock. But Italy's rejection of a small increase in sugar quotas and its insistence on being allowed to continue national aids to its sugar producers prevented the pact from being sealed.

The Italian refusal meant failure for Dutch efforts to win a compromise and threatened to hold up negotiations next month on EEC farm prices, which France in particular wants to get an agreement on before its presidential elections next May.

Italian officials said Italy refused to accept the overall farm package because it was not getting satisfaction on sugar.

The Italian stand meant that concessions made to each other by Britain and France on New Zealand butter imports and on taxes on sugar production were of no avail.

France Tuesday conceded its accord to a three-year agreement on New Zealand butter imports to Britain, something which for months it has refused to accept, in return of improved terms for its sugar producers.

But Italy held out for bigger sugar production quotas for its farmers, rejecting an offer from the none EEC states of a 90,000 tons increase in its "A" quota — benefiting from full EEC price support — to 1.52 million tons.

Italian officials said this offer was unacceptable because it would have meant taking the same quantity of sugar from Italy's "B" quota — which gets only partial price support.

Meanwhile, EEC sources said with farm ministers showing wide disagreement in the opening round of their annual battle over farm prices, the prospects of an early accord were slim.

W. Germany's monetary policy at crossroads

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 — When the European joint currency arrangement known as the "snake" was enlarged to include France and Italy, most observers expected that the major problem of the new European Monetary System (EMS) would be the strength of the German mark. Since Germany was the member with the lowest inflation rate, it was thought the mark would rise to the top of the EMS currency band and force the other member countries either to adopt tough monetary and interest-rate policies or to devalue their currencies.

The opposite has happened. The German mark has spent most of the last year in the bottom half of the EMS — often the weakest member currency. Germany's low inflation rate was also associated with the lowest interest rates in Europe. And the foreign-exchange markets, when faced with virtually fixed exchange rates, chose the obviously more profitable course of shifting some funds from marks into French francs, guilders, lire, etc., where interest rates were much higher.

One of the most important lessons of the Bretton Woods system was that individual nations agreeing to fix their currencies to another lose a large measure of control over domestic monetary policy. This is the position that Germany now

finds itself in, as its policymakers are being asked to accept the "average" monetary policy of all EMS members. But if Germany acquiesces to the policies of its high-inflation partners, it is placed on a path of slowly-but-surely rising inflation. To the foreign-exchange markets, this means rising interest rates in Germany and capital losses on bonds — a clear reason to move capital into other EMS currencies.

With the United States now on a relatively tight policy course, the strength of the dollar comes into sharp contrast with the "looser" policies of the EMS. Thus, the mark, as well as all EMS currencies, has depreciated sharply against the dollar. And the mark has been extremely weak against its EMS partners.

To arrest the current weakness of the mark, the Bundesbank would have to adopt a more stringent interest-rate policy. But this might threaten EMS stability and would also weaken an economy already in a recession. Thus, the Bundesbank finds itself between a rock and hard place. This does not, however, preclude the need for a decisive policy stance; if nothing is done, Germany could see a 10 per cent inflation rate in a few years. Or it could take harsh steps now, forcing the EMS into a tighter policy stance.

Soaring U.K. unemployment may hit ethnic minorities

LONDON, Feb. 25 (AFP) — Members of ethnic minorities living in Britain are more likely to join the ranks of the unemployed as the number of jobless continues to soar, according to an independent report published here.

Blacks were more likely to miss out in the job market than whites, because of different levels of skill and because they faced a greater risk of dismissal or retrenchment, report added.

The independent research organization, the policy Studies Institute, which published the report Tuesday, gave details of a research project carried out in 1979 on the effects and incidence of unemployment among ethnic minorities in Britain.

The institute, which questioned West Indians and Asians, found that 82 per cent of West Indian men and 59 per cent of Asian men that they were being discriminated. These figures drew a marked increase over the proportion who answered "yes" to the same question in a 1974 survey.

Twenty-five per cent of West Indian

women questioned claimed to have suffered discrimination, compared seven per cent in 1974.

Dismissal rates were found to be 31 per cent among West Indians, 29 per cent for Indians and Bangladeshis and 19 per cent for whites.

The report showed that Asians were much more likely to seek advice about fighting a dismissal 8-50 per cent compared to 18 per cent of whites. It also said that 63 per cent of Asians questioned, thought their dismissal had been unfair.

More Asians than whites had joined a union and used it to help them in a crisis, the report added.

The unemployment in Britain rose by nearly 44,000 this month to 2,463,294, 10.2 per cent of the work force, the Employment Department has announced.

It was the ninth straight monthly increase. The department said the pace of the rise was "moderating," but cautioned that this could not be seen as a definite change in trend.

Northern Ireland, torn by sectarian conflict over British rule for the last 11 years, registered its highest ever unemployment total — 99,849 jobless, or 17.3 per cent of the province's labor force.

Britain's jobless percentage is exceeded only by Belgium, with 13.2 per cent out of work, and the Irish Republic with 11.8, according to a list of 10 Western countries issued by the department.

The next highest on the list are France with 8.3 per cent and Denmark with 8 per cent. There are 7.4 per cent jobless in the United States and 7.3 per cent in Canada.

Another U.S. bank cuts prime rates

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (AP) — Citibank, the second-largest U.S. commercial bank cut its prime lending rate Tuesday from 19.5 to 19 per cent, joining most other major American banks.

The prime lending rate has dropped as low as 18.5 per cent at some U.S. banks amid a weakening in demand for business loans. Bank officials and economists predict further rate reductions in coming days.

"The trend definitely is downward," said Rachel Balbach, Economist at First National Bank in St. Louis, which was among banks cutting their rates from 19.5 to 19 per cent Monday.



INSTANT VILLAGE: Due to the decline in the American economy, "instant villages" are now springing up throughout the United States. The villages are made up of mobile trailers cleverly designed to resemble conventional houses. Seen here is an "instant village" made up in an area north of Sacramento, California.

Bleak future ahead for tanker owners

LONDON, Feb. 25 (R) — With oil freight rates now so low that they barely cover costs and almost 100 tankers laid up around the world, worried tanker owners will probably have to reduce their fleet further, shipping brokers say.

The tanker fleets suffered a setback following the oil prices shocks that began in 1973 and are still victims of the trebled cost of the fuel.

Oil cargoes are getting harder to find as world oil use falls, leading to signs of a developing glut, so oil freight rates have stayed low and competition between tanker operators has intensified.

More oil goes by pipeline and alterations to the Suez Canal mean supertankers' journeys back and forth from the Middle East Gulf are much shorter than the days when they went around the Cape. Both factors mean increased tanker availability.

At present, about 25 supertankers are at anchor in the Middle East Gulf with others lying idle in the Mediterranean and in Brunei in southeast Asia.

Before October 1973 when the last Middle East war erupted, tanker freight rates measured by what is known as worldscale, were around 400, compared with the present 26. Those not waiting for cargoes are in mothballs waiting for better times to come, ended their seagoing lives altogether as makeshift oil storage tanks.

Demand for the very large crude carrier (VLCC) has been falling since 1973 and analysts estimate 1980 requirements 140 mil-

lion tons out of 175 million tons available. Less than half the world's 750-ship fleet of very large crude carriers (VLCCs) is likely to be employable by 1990, Shell Marine coordinator Richard Topkey said at a recent tanker conference here.

Already shipping analysts say that tankers, which accounted for more than 50 per cent of the industry's output in the 1970s, will provide only 16 per cent in the 1980s.

Most European shipbuilders have conceded the bulk of new tanker business to South Korea, Brazil, Republic of China and Japan, which offer either high efficiency or cheap wages.

A Lloyd's shipping economist here recently said tanker demand could well contract rather than grow.

He said: "the (tanker) market could become carved up between national and semi-national oil companies, the role of independent owners could be lashed from today's 60 per cent to under 20 per cent."

The dry bulk carrier could overtake the tanker as the major ship type, and the biggest ship afloat could be the coal carrier by the end of the century, not the tanker.

London shipbroker E.A. Gibson said recently that low freight rates and lack of demand were prompting supertanker owners to consider laying up their vessels. Most brokers say the present depressed tanker market will not get better until oil consumption starts to increase. Owners at present are barely covering fuel and crewing costs.

The price of tank fuel has topped \$ 240 a ton compared with \$ 80 when today's shipping was ordered.

Another worry for owners of supertankers is that new international safety and pollution regulations would force them either to phase out or spent on improving them.

In these days of particularly low freight rates many ships are going slowly to save costs, cutting down on maneuverability and increasing the risk of collision.

Tank cleaning is also risky and any sparking ignites gases released by oil. The chance of an explosion is cut down by inert gas systems which must be included in any new tanker's cargo system under international marine regulations.

More stringent safety regulations have been introduced by IMCO, the inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organization.

Turkey council okays \$15b budget for 1981

ISTANBUL, Feb. 25 (R) — Turkey's ruling National Security Council has approved the 1981 national budget of 1,558 billion lira (\$15.4 billion), a government spokesman said.

The budget, which was presented for approval last December to the security council chaired by head of state General Kenan Evren, showed an increase of over 100 per cent on last year's 756 billion lira (\$7.6 billion). The budget will come into effect on March 1 this year.

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Afghan group meets U.S. officials on military aid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (Agencies) — The leader of an Afghan fighter group said Tuesday he had very useful talks with senior officials at the State Department, discussing the question of U.S. military aid to help the Islamic volunteers in their fight against Soviet troops occupying Afghanistan.

"We are pleased with the outcome of the talks," a spokesman of the group, Sayid Ahmad Gailani, told a Capitol Hill news conference. Gailani, who heads one of six major Afghan resistance groups with headquarters in Peshawar, Pakistan, said in a statement that "this week we have had many very useful meetings with ... senators and congressmen as well as high-ranking officials of the State Department."

He asserted that although they have adequate manpower, "we need SAM-7 and other surface-to-air missiles to shoot down the Soviet helicopter gunships that are slaughtering our people. We need ammunition for our rifles." In response to questions, Gailani declined to say which specific State Department officials he and his aides had met with, but said the talks were at the assistant secretary level.

Regarding possible U.S. military assistance to the fighters, he said, "There has not been any (Reagan administration) commitment, but we have exchanged views of all aspects of the Afghan situation."

In Paris, another Afghan fighter, Muhammad Wardak said Tuesday almost 350,000 of his countrymen had been killed since the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan. He added 348,900 Afghans had been killed, including prisoners and civilian victims.

Wardak, who arrived in Paris last week, also said the Soviet Union was plundering his country's natural resources, including uranium, oil and precious stones such as rubies.

Meanwhile, in Peshawar, Masatoshi Kusumi, leader of a visiting seven-member Japanese parliamentary delegation, has expressed the hope that the Soviet Union will soon withdraw its troops from Afghanistan, paving the way for the return of the Afghan refugees to their homeland.



INJURED: Police take away on a stretcher at Leonardo da Vinci airport in Rome Tuesday night one of the four passengers arrived from Kuwait wounded in a shootout. No identification was available.

Four hurt at Rome airport shootout

ROME, Feb. 25 (R) — Four persons were injured Tuesday when a group of gunmen fired shots at passengers waiting in a customs hall after arriving at Rome's Fiumicino airport from Algiers, police said. They said Oljabi Fuxat, a Lebanese citizen, was undergoing emergency surgery for multiple gunshot wounds but details of the other three injured were not available.

Airport security police immediately cordoned off the area and arrested five men as they ran from the scene of the shooting. They were unable to give details of their nationality. Eyewitnesses said the shooting started as passengers from a Kuwait Airlines flight from Algiers were passing through the arrivals lounge toward customs.

Witnesses said several men confronted the passengers and started shooting. In the fol-

lowing confusion, the men dispersed, crying "Kuwait, Kuwait" and attempted to hide in the lounge.

Police arrested five persons, who had looked themselves in a nearby lavatory. They said one of them was brandishing a gun. The injured were given first aid at the airport before being transferred to two Rome hospitals.

Police said they had not yet established whether the shooting was politically motivated or the result of a private feud.

U.S. ill-treating students, says Tehran

BEIRUT, Feb. 25 (AP) — A top Iranian official has summoned the Swiss ambassador in Tehran and complained about "police treatment of Iranians" during demonstrations in the United States. "I told the Swiss ambassador that Iranians, especially students, are mistreated in the United States, political adviser to Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai, Muhammad Hashemi-Rafsanjani, told AP in a telephone interview when reached from Beirut. "Our anxiety is over American police treatment of Iranians," said the brother of the speaker of Iran's 228-member Majlis, adding that "at least two" Iranians had been killed in U.S. hotels recently.

Tehran radio said Rafsanjani met Tuesday with Swiss Ambassador Eric Lang, who represents U.S. interests in Iran since the hostage crisis ended relations between the two countries, and complained about alleged "inhuman and barbaric treatment of Iranians" living in the United States. In the interview, Rafsanjani said that "people in the name of American attack (Iranian) demonstrators although they have police permission to hold demonstrations." He added that under U.S. law "police have to ensure their security."

Egypt, Sudan attack Libya at OAU talks

ADDIS ABABA, Feb. 25 (R) — Egypt and Sudan Tuesday criticized Libya for its military intervention in Chad and accused Tripoli of aggression. Sources at a conference here of African foreign ministers said Egyptian Deputy Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali told the closed meeting that the presence of Libyan troops in Chad and the proposed merger of the two countries affected neighboring states and the whole of Africa.

Ghali condemned the Libyan action and called for the implementation of a plan by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) which has proposed elections in Chad and the presence there of an OAU peace-keeping force, the sources said. He had also told the OAU council of ministers that Libya had committed aggression against other countries besides Chad. Sudanese Foreign Minister Muhammad Mirgha El-Muharak said in a statement that Libya's intervention had aggravated the situation in Chad.

BRIEFS

BEIRUT, (R) — Eleven countries have increased their contributions to a United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees, which is facing a critical cash shortage. The U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) said in a statement today that the biggest boost had come from Britain, which raised its annual contribution by \$1.5 billion to \$11.9 million.

CAIRO, (AFP) — Some 5,000 tons of dust and sand were deposited on Cairo during a two-day sandstorm over Egypt which blew itself out Tuesday night, the Egyptian Pollution Research Center said Wednesday.

DAMASCUS, (R) — Syrian foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam flew back to Damascus Tuesday after delivering a message from President Hafez Assad to Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi on latest developments in the Middle East.

RABAT, (R) — Muhammad Abdulaziz, secretary general of the Polisario Front, has been wounded in a battle in the Western Sahara, the Algerian News Agency (APS) said Wednesday.

BEIRUT, (R) — Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi has told the European Economic Community (EEC) envoy to the Middle East that his country considered Palestine as the Arab world's "central cause", the Iraqi News Agency reported Tuesday.

Palestinian to file appeal in U.S. extradition case

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP) — Lawyers for a young Palestinian Arab accused by Israeli authorities of a bombing have said they are continuing legal efforts to prevent the U.S. government from extraditing him. Attorney Abdeen M. Jabara of Detroit and Omar M. Najib of Chicago met with reporters Monday at the offices of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee, which said it and other Arab-American groups plan demonstrations between March 6-13 on behalf of Zayid Abu Eain, whom they claim is innocent.

Eain, 21, has been held in a federal prison in Chicago since his arrest in August 1979, three months after a bomb exploded in a marketplace in Tiberias, Israel, killing two persons. A three-judge panel of the U.S. 7th

Circuit Appellate Court last Friday upheld rulings by a federal magistrate and a district judge that there was probable cause to believe Eain was involved in the bombing and that the incident was not a political crime, which would have prevented his return to Israel under terms of a 1963 treaty.

The appeals panel said: "We recognize the validity and usefulness of the political offense exception, but it should be applied with great care lest our country become a social jungle and an encouragement to terrorists everywhere."

Jabara accused the courts of disregarding or not permitting the introduction of simple evidence that he said would exonerate Eain and of "imposing American political values in a judicial system."

At U.S. foreign affairs panel

Rivals clash on PLO aid to free hostages

By Susan I. Gray
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The scene: A Congressional hearing on the seizure of the American embassy in Tehran. The cast: members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and former Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders. The dialogue: between Saunders and Congressman Paul Findley (Republican of Illinois).

Question by Findley: Is there evidence that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was helpful to the United States during the negotiations for the release of the American hostages from Iran? Yes, said Saunders, referring to the release of the initial six hostages in late October 1979.

Reaction: outrage from three committee members.

The harshest attacks on the United States public affirmation that the government used the PLO as a mediator in the hostage crisis came from Congressman Stephen Solarz (Democrat of New York) and Congressman Millicent Fenwick (Republican of New Jersey).

The two lawmakers — consistently strong supporters of Israel — were outraged, "according to those present, that the United States had dealt with the PLO even in 'humanitarian terms'."

Replying to the attacks, Saunders, who last week called on the Reagan administration to review the American policy of not talking with the PLO, told the legislators that it should not come as news that there was American contact with the PLO regarding the hostages. The American government has dealt with the PLO in the past regarding the

safety of American citizens, Saunders noted. One example he cited was in 1976 when the United States worked with the PLO to guarantee the safety of Americans caught in Beirut during the Lebanese civil war.

Saunders, who served for almost three years as the assistant secretary of state for Middle Eastern affairs, left his government post in mid-January and has now joined a Washington-based research organization, The American Enterprise Institute. Talking to the Arab News Thursday about the scene in the committee room, Congressman Findley called the actions of his fellow lawmakers, an "example of extremism."

In the second of a series of hearings on the embassy seizure and the hostage-release agreement, former Secretary of State Edmund Muskie met with the Foreign Affairs Committee Thursday to analyze the agreement between the United States and Iran which led to the release of the remaining 52 American hostages.

Muskie was asked during the hearing if he agreed with Saunders' statement that the PLO had been a constructive help to the U.S. during the hostage negotiations.

Muskie told the committee that Saunders'

India turns back Israeli tourists

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25 (AP) — A group of Israeli tourists was refused entry to India by Bombay airport authorities last week and forced to return to Israel, the Haaretz newspaper has reported.

The report said Tuesday the 21 Israelis were required to leave their passports with Indian immigration officials overnight before catching a return flight Thursday. The paper said the Israelis were refused

Lebanon tells U.N. about Israeli attack

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 25 (R) — Lebanon Tuesday accused Israel of aggression against several villages in Southern Lebanon Sunday night, in which it said at least seven died. In a written complaint, Fakhri Saghiyyah, Lebanon's United Nations delegate, called the Israeli action "a serious challenge to U.N. Security Council attempts to restore peace in the area. But he did not ask for specific action by the council."

Israeli forces made an amphibious landing with air support near the Palestinian stronghold of Nabatiyeh in southern Lebanon. Sunday night and commando groups said at least four of their men were killed in an Israeli attack on the nearby village of Kour.

Residents said other casualties were sustained in heavy bombardment of surrounding areas.

assessment was "generally correct." Recent press reports circulated here have attempted to play down any PLO role in the hostage crisis and instead have concentrated on portraying the PLO as an arm of the Soviet Union and the military trainer of the Iranian student militants who seized the embassy Nov. 4, 1979.

Despite press reports to the contrary, Findley says that it seems to be a consensus that the "PLO was a constructive help to the U.S." during the months that the Americans were held captive.

Following the embassy takeover, Findley said he telephoned PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Beirut and asked for his help in any mediation.

The Illinois congressman, who has met with Arafat and who has promoted a U.S. — PLO dialogue, said the word came back from the PLO that it would try.

Following the release of the six black and women hostages in late November 1979, Findley said the relationship soured between the PLO and the Khomeini regime. It then became apparent, Findley said, that there was not much prospect for the PLO to assist in future negotiations.

Israel and India do not maintain full diplomatic relations. Israel operates a consulate in Bombay, while the British consulate in Tel Aviv handles Indian interests in Israel.

NOTICE

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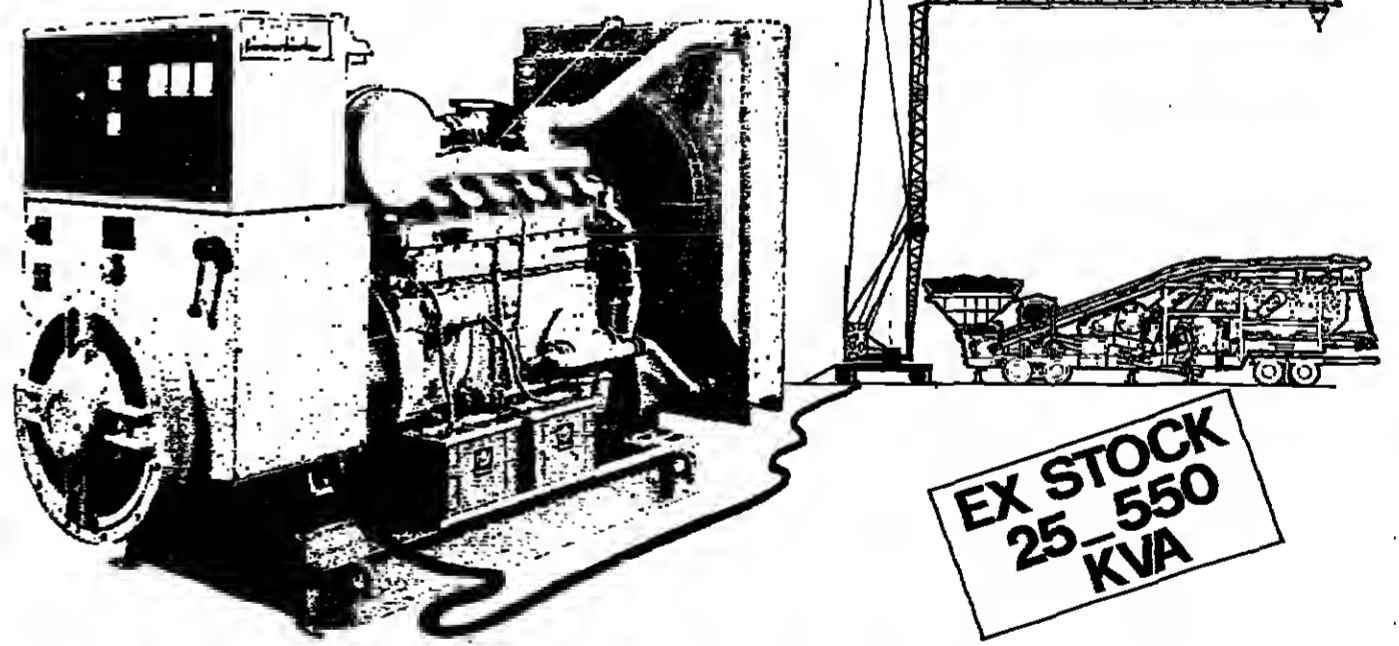
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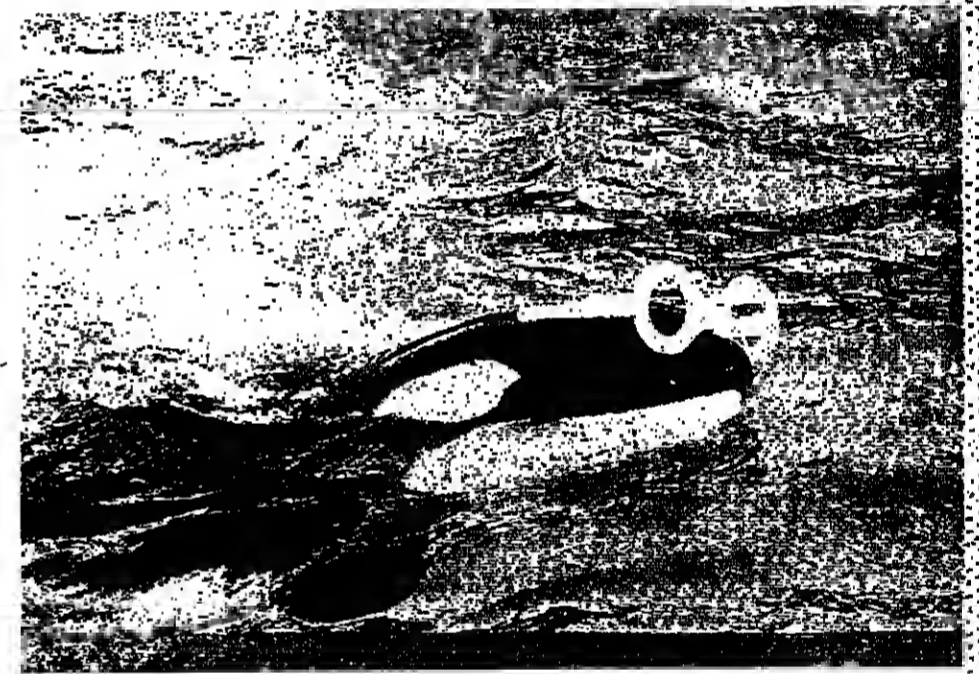
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YOUNG PETS (Left-to-right) Simon, a Manchester zon worker's son, feed a young bear cub rejected by its mother. Percy the monkey stretches out on a fur-covered hot water bottled during day off from Kilverstone Wildlife Park, Norfolk. This Windsor Safari Park Zoo monkey is so small that it fits comfortably in a glass.



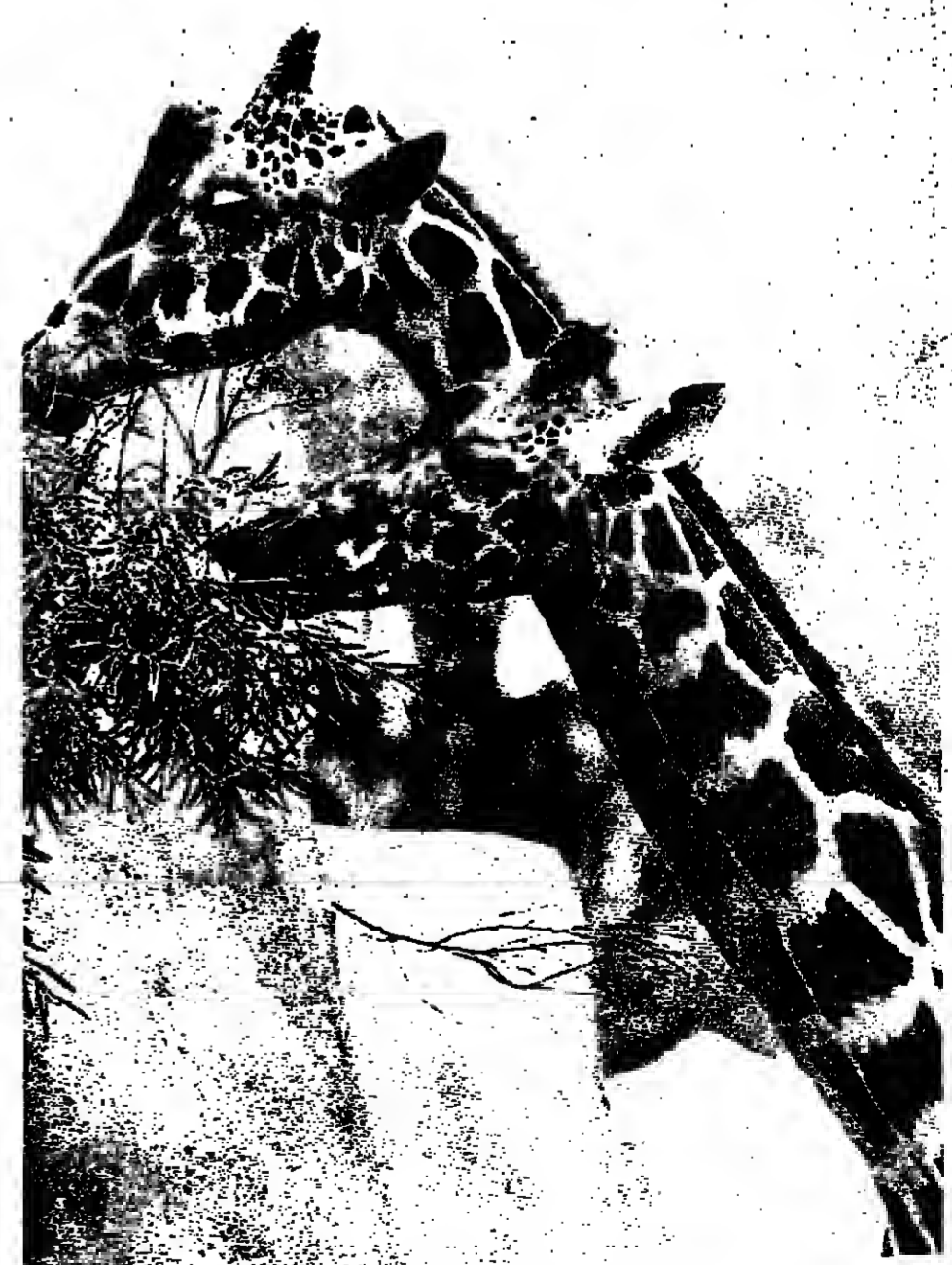
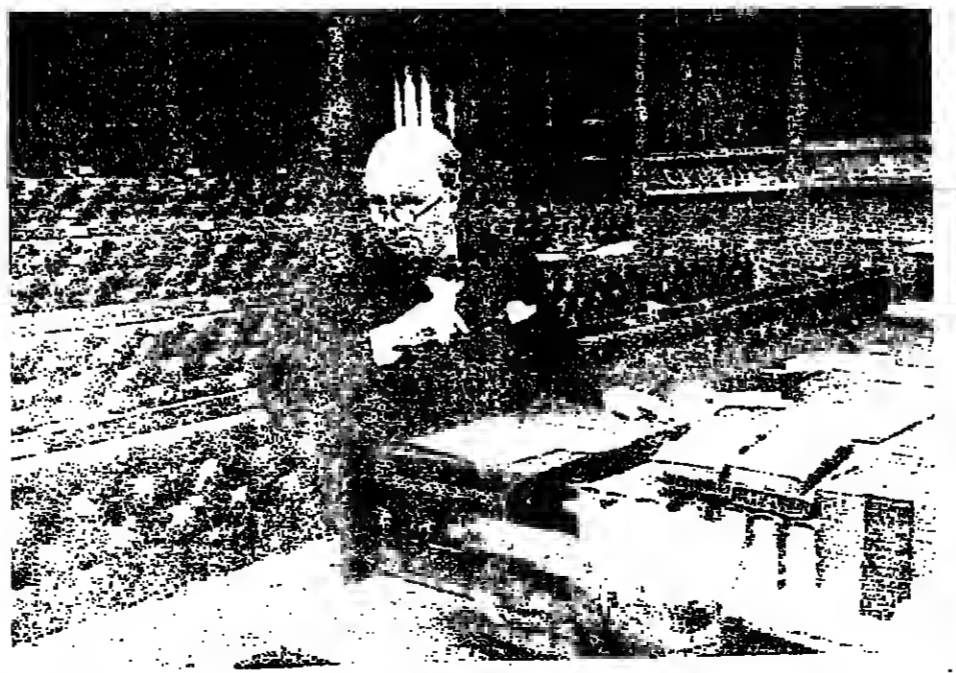
SPECTACLES: Winnie, a killer whale, of Windsor Safari Park and Seaworld put on glasses to attract fans.



FINE FEATHERED FRIENDS: If a cat and bird can get along together without a fight, there must still be hope for the rest of the feuding world. Danny, the cat, doesn't mind at all being used as a perch for his parakeet bird friend. Most cats are sworn enemies of birds.



FAKE CHURCHILL: Southern Pictures' movie, Winston Churchill: The Wilderness Years, is halfway through its six-month shooting schedule. The set where the movie is proceeding cost more than £100,000 and is an exact replica of the House of Commons as it was before it was bombed in 1941. Above (left-to-right): Edward Woodward as Samuel Hoare; Pector Vaughan (Thomas Inskip); Robert Hardy (Winston Churchill), Eric Porter (Neville Chamberlain) and Peter Barkworth (Stanley Baldwin).



TALL STORY: These two 'skyscraper' creatures are seen gathering lofty tit bits at their home in the San Diego Zoo in southern California. Giraffes are the tallest in the animal kingdom, and grow to a beight of little more than five-and-a-half meters.

BEETLE BAILEY

I CAN'T GET UP ALL THESE STAINS UNDER THE TABLE

YOU'LL NEED SOMETHING STRONGER THAN SOAP AND WATER

RIGHT... DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THAT COFFEE LEFT?

BLONDIE

HONEY, WOULD YOU CHECK THE BLADMIER CONTRACT YOU TOOK FROM HOME THIS MORNING?

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO DO WITH THE BLADMIER CONTRACT?

I WROTE MY SHOPPING LIST ON THE BACK OF IT

... MILK, EGGS, CHUCK ROAST... THIMBLE...

B.C.

HONS BUSINESS?

NOT SO HOT.

WHAT ARE YOU SELLING?

FIREPROOF MATCHES.

INDISPENSABLE ITEMS

INDISPENSABLE ITEMS

ANDY CAPP

OW LONG DOES IT TAKE THAT MAN OF YOURS TO GET BACK FROM THE PUB, FLOP? IT'S ONLY TWO HUNDRED YARDS!

TWO HUNDRED YARDS THERE, MUM - A COUPLE O' MILES BACK

HAGAR

IT CAN'T HURT YOU! YOU JUST ADD WATER!

OH, YOU!! YOU'RE AFRAID OF ANYTHING NEW!

WHAT'S IT CALLED?

SOAP

SMALL SOCIETY

HAVE YOU HAD ANY GOOD BUYS IN THE MARKET LATELY, HOCKER?

PLENTY. GOOD-BYE MONEY, GOOD-BYE HOUSE, GOOD-BYE RETIREMENT...

WIZARD

LOOKS A CARRIER PIGEON FROM THE FRONT!

"HELP... I AM OUT OF FOOD"

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

GIVE IT SOME BIRD SEED

arab news CALENDAR

DIAMIRAN TV PROGRAMS (GARAMCO)

THURSDAY 7:00 Children's Show; 8:00 NFL playoffs; 8:10 Go Show; 8:34 Muppet Show; 7:35 Special; 8:10 Dallas of Houston; 9:10 Jefferson; 9:25 Channel 3 Feature.

GULF TV PROGRAMS

BAHRAIN TV PROGRAMS

THURSDAY 10:00 Quran; 4:30 Children's Programs; 5:15 Soccer; 6:00 Educational Program; 7:00 Daily Arabic Series; 8:00 Arabic News; 8:35 Family Hour; 9:30 English News; 10:00 Lou Grant; 10:40 Arabic Film; 12:30 News.

RAS AL KHAIMA TV PROGRAMS

THURSDAY 5:45 Quran; 6:00 Geographical; 6:25 Bonanza; 7:15 Rollin' On The River; 7:40 Get Smart; 8:25 Feature; 10:10 T.H.E. Cat; 10:35 1 Spw.

DUBAI CHANNEL 16 PROGRAMS

THURSDAY 5:00 Quran; 5:15 Religious Talk; 5:30 Cartoons; 6:00 Maple Flower; 6:30 TV Magazine; 7:30 Religious Series; 8:00 Local News; 8:10 Religious Series; 9:00 Arabic Drama; 10:00 Arabic World News; 10:35 Songs; Programs Review; 10:50 Arabic Theater.

DUBAI CHANNEL 33 PROGRAMS

THURSDAY 6:00 Quran; 6:15 Cartoons; 6:30 Bay City Rollers; 7:00 Thunder; 8:00 Islamic Histories; 8:05 Local News; 8:10 In Search of...; 8:35 Music; Carlo Shows; 9:00 Benetton; 10:00 World News; 10:25 Quark; 10:50 TV Film Showcase Play.

QATAR TV PROGRAMS

THURSDAY 5:00 Quran; 5:30 Open Season; 6:30 News; 6:45 What the Papers Say; 7:00 Panorama; 7:45 Arabic Series; 8:30 Arabic News; 9:00 Arabic Film; 9:30 English News; 10:20 Arabic Film; 11:15 News; 11:30 Film.

KUWAIT CHANNEL 2

THURSDAY 5:00 Cartoons; 7:35 The Prince and the Pauper; 8:00 News in English; 8:15 Donny and Marie; 9:00 WKRP; 9:30 Feature Film.

OMAN TV PROGRAMS

THURSDAY 5:02 Quran; 5:08 Today's Program; 5:10 Students' Program; 6:15 Cartoons; 6:30 Adult Education; 6:50 Cinema; 7:20 Family Program; 7:40 Songs; 7:50 Arabic Film; 8:30 Arabic News; 9:00 Quiz Program; 9:50 Song; Soldier's Diary; 10:00 English News; 10:20 Theater; Play Film; 11:30 News in Arabic; 11:55 Quran.

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2:25 Bullward - Hot 51
2:35 Light Music
3:00 The News
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Light Music
3:20 Islam the Divine Truth
3:30 Garlands at Cash
3:45 Light Music
3:50 Closures
9:01 Opening
9:01 Holy Quran
9:01 Terms of Guidance
9:10 Light Music
9:15 The Evening Show
9:45 Eve & Her World
10:00 Hello Marilyn
10:15 Light Music
10:15 The News
10:25 3 Chromes
10:30 Music Worldwide
10:35 World Classics
11:15 Pot Pourri
11:45 News Summary
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12:30 Light Music
12:45 A Remembrance With Dreams
1:00 Closures

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8:45 Orient Et Occident
8:50 Musique
9:00 Informations
9:10 L'heure de l'Information
9:15 Varietes
9:20 Une Emission religieuse : Les Compagnons du Prodiges
9:45 Varietes
9:45 Cloture

Vacances de la Semaine du Jeudi
19:00 Ouverture
19:01 Versets Et Commentaires
19:10 Musique Classique
19:15 Varietes
19:40 Emission Culturelle : L'Arabie par la Radio
19:45 Emission de Varietes : Musique entre Amers
20:15 Le Resume sur la voie du Prodiges
20:25 Musique
20:30 Informations
20:40 Revue de Presse
20:45 Varietes : Musique Orientale
20:54 Cloture

BBC

Morning Transmission
8:00 World News
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours
8:30 News Summary
8:30 Sarah Ward
8:45 World Today
9:00 Newsdesk
9:00 Opera Star
9:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours
10:30 Sarah Ward
10:45 Something to Show You
11:00 World News
11:09 Reflections
11:15 Piano Style
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
12:00 World News
12:09 British Press Review
12:15 World Today
12:30 Financial News
12:40 Look Ahead
12:45 The Tony Wyatt

Evening Transmission
1.15 Ulster in Focus
1.30 Discovery
2.00 World News
2.09 News about Britain
2.15 Alphabet of Musical Curios
2.50 Sports International
2.40 Radio Newsreel
3.15 Promenade Concert
3.45 Sports Round-up
4.00 World News
4.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
4.30 The Pleasure of Yours
5.15 Report on Religion
6.00 Radio Newsreel
6.15 Outlook
7.01 World News
7.09 Commentary
7.15 Sherlock Holmes
7.45 World Today
8.00 World News
8.09 Books and Writers

8.30 Take One
8.45 Sports Round-up
9.00 World News
9.09 News about Britain
9.15 Radio Newsreel
9.30 Furnishing World
10.00 Outlook News Summary
10.39 Stock Market Report
10.43 Look Ahead
10.45 Ulster in Focus
11.00 World News
11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
12.15 Talkabout
12.45 Nature Notebook
1.00 World News
1.09 World Today
1.25 Financial News
1.35 Book Choice
1.40 Reflections
1.45 Sports Round-up
2.00 World News
2.09 Commentary
2.15 The Face of England

DENNIS THE MENACE

LOOK AT HIS FEET GO! I BET HE'S DREAMIN' ABOUT SUMMER!

MOVE OVER, RUFF!

Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Just a Drop in the Bucket

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 9 8 6 2
♥ 10 5
♦ K 5 3
♣ A J 4

WEST
♠ 5
♥ K 9 8 3 2
♦ A Q J 10
♣ K 10 8

EAST
♠ 7 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ 8
♣ Q 9 6 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 10 4
♥ A Q
♦ 9 7 6 4 2
♣ 7

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♣ Dble 4♣

Opening lead - ace of diamonds.

It is surely not right to jeopardize a contract for the sake of trying to make an extra trick. There is so little to be gained by an overtrick, compared to what can be lost, that declarer should always play in the safest manner possible to make the contract. The principle is beyond dispute, but its application is not always obvious.

Here is a case where declarer unintentionally violated the principle. West,

faced with a difficult opening lead, chose the ace of diamonds and continued with the queen. When declarer played the king from dummy, East ruffed; and when East returned a heart, South had to get down one. All told, he lost a heart and three diamonds.

However, South should have made the contract. He should not have played the king of diamonds when West led the queen. Had he ducked, he would have made the contract.

Let's suppose dummy plays low on the queen. After East discards, West would lead another diamond. East ruffs to produce the third trick for the defense, but that marks the end of the road for East-West.

When East returns a heart, South takes the ace and ruffs a diamond high in dummy to establish his fifth diamond as a trick. Then, after drawing trumps, he discards dummy's ten of hearts on the nine of diamonds, thus making four.

It is true that ducking the queen costs South a trick if West's original diamond holding is the A-Q-J. But the possibility of losing an overtrick is a drop in the bucket compared to what South can gain by the duck.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Francis Drake
FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Some tension now about distant matters. Close ties are supportive. Reach back for extra self-discipline regarding mental work.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Friends and money do not mix favorably. It's a poor time to settle accounts. Capitalize on new work opportunities for success.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Retrain from combining business and pleasure. You'll have a good time in the company of close ties. Attend to children's affairs.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Attend to domestic duties. Do-it-yourself projects and family affairs are highlighted. Pay no attention to the advice of busybodies.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
Avoid coming on too strong with a loved one. This is a time to exchange ideas and to get to know each other's interests better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Domestic upsets are likely, but you'll find workable solutions. Check with close ties before parting with mutual funds.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
This is a good time to share problems, especially work-related ones. Friends are helpful. Retire early, if you've been pressing too hard.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Behind-the-scenes financial moves bring good results, but avoid excess spending on pleasure. Mid-afternoon is the best time to act.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Old friends provide valuable advice. Avoid eccentric behavioral displays. Your character will win you the proper respect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Keep career moves confidential. Don't talk too much. Do further research before committing yourself. Mix evening meetings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Some friends are erratic in behavior. Stick to those you know you can count on. A staid party affords you benefits. Watch spending.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
Though you may not gain the recognition you feel is your due, still your financial picture picks up. Hold on to newly acquired funds.

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Oland
2 film role
5 German novelist-poet
10 Boxer's wrap
11 Part of N.Y.C.
12 In the center
13 Hold out
14 "And so to..."
15 Craze
16 Ceasarist commune
17 Univ. in Atlanta, Ga.
19 Capture
20 Garfunkel
21 Parcel out
22 Natty
25 Weary
26 Heavy book
27 - brio
28 Big - house
29 Make joyful
31 Obtain
32 Container
33 Energy
36 Invasion landing vehicle
38 Ignoble
39 "Don Giovanni" role
40 Jobless
41 Frail
42 Lack

DOWN
1 Sourpuss
2 British P.M. (1963)
3 Live
4 Little Edgar
5 W.C.-
6 Shrewmouse
7 Visit with Morpheus
8 Set in a series
9 Became visible
11 "This - of Mine" (1943 song)
15 Military setting - calif.
18 Shanks' -
21 Invent; coin
22 Sway
23 White wine
24 Of love
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Security steps clamped

Afghan fighters kill ruling party people

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25 (Agencies) — Assassinations of members of the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) are continuing at the rate of about five a day in Kabul and twice that in the provinces, diplomatic sources said here Wednesday.

The killings sometimes result from fighting between the Parchamist faction of the PDPA led by President Babrak Karmal and the mainly rural-based Khalq faction, the sources said.

Others were attributed to freedom fighters opposing Karmal's Soviet-backed government forces and Soviet troops in the country.

About 30 Hazaras, Shiite Muslims of Mongolian descent, reportedly were arrested Sunday in Qala-I-Sbad on the city's outskirts and brought to the secret police headquarters, the sources said. Their tribe has

given strong backing to the freedom struggle, particularly in their home province of Bamian, central Afghanistan.

The sources said tough security measures were clamped on Kabul four days ago, first anniversary of anti-Soviet riots in the capital. A call by the freedom fighters for a protest strike by shopkeepers and others went largely unanswered, they reported. The sources said tanks and armored personnel carriers were stationed on all main bridges over the river dividing the old section from the newer part of Kabul and at other strategic points there.

No Soviet troops were seen, but Afghan soldiers and militia were out in force, and most shops in the new town and more than 50 per cent of shops in the old section had opened by about 10 a.m. on the day of the anniversary, the sources said.

They said clashes between freedom fighters and Afghan forces continued daily in the



Afghan President Babrak Karmal

southern city of Kandahar, with firing in the streets during daylight.

There has also been an increase in shooting at night in Jalalabad, southeast of Kabul. Soviet troops seemed to be keeping away from the town, the sources said.

Iraq tightening grip on Abadan

TEHRAN, Feb. 25 (R) — Iraqi forces are tightening their siege of the Iranian oil city of Abadan, gradually strengthening their positions, the Iranian parliament was told Wednesday. Addressing the 217-member Majlis (parliament), Abadan deputy Muhammad Rashidian said there must be no negotiations to end the Gulf war and no compromise with invaders of Iranian territory.

He added: "I am warning of the danger that the encirclement of Abadan has become tighter. The enemy forces are strengthening their bunkers and positions one after another."

Abadan, site of one of the world's largest oil refineries, has been a prime objective of Iraqi air and missile attacks across the frontier on Sept. 22. Another deputy from Abadan, Iraj Sepasi Dezfuli, urged that the siege of the city be lifted in line with instructions issued by revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Massive victory for Chun

SEOUL, Feb. 25 (AP) — President Chun Doo-Hwan won a new seven-year term as leader of South Korea Wednesday in a predictably overwhelming vote by the nation's freshly-created electoral college.

Election officials said Chun, candidate of the government's Democratic Justice Party, received 4,755 of 5,270 votes cast by the presidential electors, a 90.2 per cent showing. Final returns showed token candidates put up by other parties trailed far behind, as expected. The Democratic Korea Party was second with 404 votes, the Korea National Party third with 85 and the Civil Rights Party fourth with 26.

Only a simple majority was needed to declare the presidential winner. There over was any doubt that the ex-general, who seized power last year and was made president with the backing of the military, would be a landslide choice.

Election officials had said the final results not be announced until Wednesday night, but the votes were tabulated quickly following the closing of the country's 77 polling places at 2 p.m.

Chun's Democratic Justice Party originally won 3,676 seats in the 5,278-member electoral college in voting Feb. 11. In addition to his own party, Chun had widespread support among 1,123 electoral college deputies elected as independents.

Chun, a 50-year-old former army general, has been serving as interim president since last August. His inauguration for the new term is to be held March 3, but under present laws he begins serving as president of South Korea's fifth republic Wednesday when the election committee officially confirms the result of the electoral college vote.

Chun has said a broad amnesty will be announced at the time of his inauguration, but it is not expected to include ousted political figures. Inauguration day has been declared a national holiday and the midnight-to-4 a.m. curfew will be lifted to celebrate the occasion.



S. Korea President Chun Doo-Hwan

Dollar eases

LONDON, Feb. 25 (AP) — The dollar eased against most key currencies in early trading Wednesday, but gained against the important British pound and Swiss franc. Gold prices rose slightly. European dealers said the dollar was expected to recoup later in the day as Eurodollar interest rates firm.

The dollar's dip followed a drop in New York Tuesday, where the U.S. currency's only gain was against the British pound. Sterling has fallen sharply this week amid expectations the Bank of England will cut its key minimum lending rate from 14 per cent.

In London, the pound opened higher at \$2.2349 compared to Tuesday's close of \$2.2315. But by mid-morning it cost \$2.2285 to buy one pound as the British currency eased. In Tokyo, where the business day ends before Europe's begins, the dollar closed at 207.40 yen, down from Tuesday's 208.35 yen.

The price of gold opened at \$505.50 an ounce in Zurich and London, \$500 up on Tuesday's close in the Swiss center and \$2.50 in London.

London's five major bullion dealers later "fixed" the price at \$505.75. This is an average calculated by the dealers and is a guideline price. Silver rose slightly in London — \$13.075 an ounce against \$13.025 Tuesday.

Iran bars departure of Britons

TEHRAN, Feb. 25 (Agencies) — Three British Anglican missionaries due to have left Iran Wednesday after six months in captivity were barred from leaving, a Swedish embassy spokesman said.

"We are not sure yet what the problem is," the spokesman said, "but they were prevented from leaving at the last minute." The Swedish embassy handles British interests in Iran and Swedish diplomats accompanied the three Anglicans as they were taken from government custody to the airport in the morning.

The three Britons — missionary doctors John and Audrey Coleman and Scottish Anglican Jeao Waddell — smiled and chatted as they entered the airport terminal and began clearing exit formalities. "As far as we were concerned, their travel documents and papers were in order," the embassy spokesman said. "We are trying to establish what went wrong." He added: "The plane left without them, that we know for certain."

Earlier this month, airport authorities turned back American freelance journalist Cynthia Dwyer who was about to leave on a scheduled flight after being released from prison. But Mrs. Dwyer left a day later, after problems with her exit documents were cleared.

Almost two hours after the aircraft had left, Swedish Ambassador Goran Bundy and the three Britons were still at the airport trying to resolve the difficulties, the Swedish embassy said. Also there, according to an embassy spokesman, was Terry Waite, personal envoy of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is spiritual leader of the world Anglican community. Waite has been in Tehran since Feb. 6 to help secure the release of the Anglicans. He was due to fly out with them.

The Pars news agency Wednesday carried an interview with the three missionaries in which they were quoted as saying that they were in good shape morally and physically and that they had been well treated during their detention. Tehran authorities had freed them Sunday, saying they had been jailed on the basis of false testimony and documents.

The Pars statement appeared to dispel alarm raised Tuesday by a remark made by Hojatolislam Ali Qodussi, Iran's chief public prosecutor, during a television interview. In this he hinted that the freedom of the Britons might be made conditional on the prior release of two Iranian students held in Britain.

Manila doubts fresh offensive

MANILA, Feb. 25 (AP) — Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile said Wednesday he doubts Muslim fighters are preparing any major offensive in the southern Philippines despite an upsurge of fighting that has killed more than 200 persons in six weeks.

Speaking at a news conference, Enrile also said government forces were hunting down those who gunned down 119 army soldiers, including six officers, on a remote southern island but gave no details of the military operations.

The incident, described as the biggest massacre of government troops since the Muslim separatist movement broke out in October 1972, occurred Feb. 12 on Pata Island, 968 kms south of Manila, as the soldiers prepared to leave following an operation to clear the area of armed bands.

Three soldiers survived the bloodbath and some, according to Enrile, had managed to fire back at their attackers, killing at least 16 of them.

8 Liberian ministers dropped from cabinet

MONROVIA, Feb. 25 (AP) — Liberia's military leader Samuel Doe has dropped eight cabinet ministers and appointed seven new ones in a major cabinet reshuffle.

One of the fired ministers, Commerce Minister Joseph Doughty, was on an official visit abroad when the changes were announced, Tuesday. Those dropped included Finance Minister Perry Zulu and Information Minister Gabriel Nimely.

Defense Minister Samuel Pearson was appointed roving ambassador and replaced by an army officer, Maj. Gen. Albert Karpel.

Reagan approves order to return Iran's assets

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (R) — President Ronald Reagan has signed an executive order to start returning billions of dollars of Iran's assets, but said there were still serious differences between the two countries. The order will implement the agreement which led to the release of the 52 American hostages on Jan. 20, the day of Reagan's inauguration as president.

Reagan said Tuesday in a message to Congress: "Although the hostages have been released, financial and diplomatic aspects of the crisis have not yet been resolved and continue to present an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy and economy of the United States."

The order suspended all U.S. claims against the Iranian assets frozen by President Jimmy Carter in March 1970. U.S. officials estimate those assets at between \$3 and 4.1 billion. The Treasury Department Tuesday ordered U.S. banks, companies and individuals holding Iranian assets to transfer them "as soon as reasonably practicable" to the New York branch of Iran's Central Bank.

U.S. officials said anyone who refuses to comply with the order would not be prosecuted for the moment. Under the terms of the hostage release agreement, the United States promised to return Iran's assets by July 19. However, 300 lawsuits have been filed in the United States challenging Carter's authority to make that pledge.

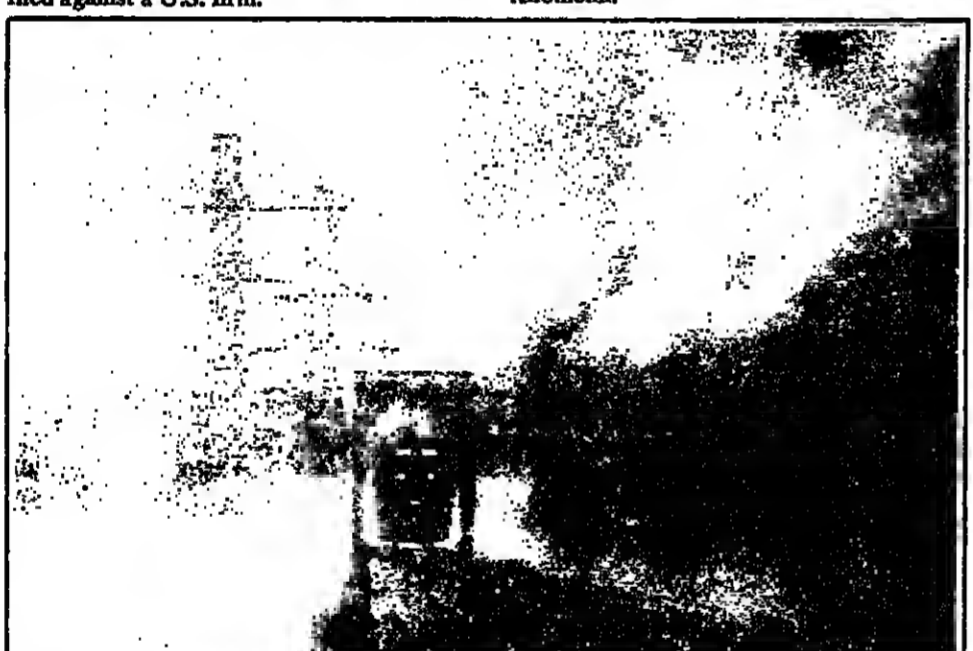
U.S. officials said they hoped the courts would rule on that issue before July 19. If not, they said the government probably would be forced to prosecute those who refused to transfer the Iranian assets to the New York Federal Reserve Bank.

Last month, the United States transferred \$7.9 billion to a special account for Iran in the Bank of England to win release of the hostages. After paying off old debts, Iran was left with \$2.8 billion. U.S. officials said almost 2,500 claims had been filed by American banks, firms and individuals against the Iranian assets still in the United States. Most claims will be dealt with by a tribunal made up of Americans, Iranians and Algerians. Those cases not handled by the tribunal

will be returned to U.S. courts for disposition. Under the terms of the hostage agreement, Iran must set aside \$one billion in a special escrow (trust) fund to pay any awards made by the tribunal.

That escrow fund, currently empty, is in the Bank of England. But U.S. officials said the Bank of England did not want to hold the account past March 19 and they were looking for another reputable central bank to accept the responsibility. They refused to reveal any of the prospective candidates.

Meanwhile, a New York firm has admitted charges of violating Carter's order barring American firms from doing business with Iran during the hostage crisis, the Justice Department announced Tuesday. The complaint against a welding machine manufacturer was the first such criminal charge to be filed against a U.S. firm.



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Army training teams proposed

Washington rules out Vietnam-like conflict in Salvador

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan has said that the United States had "no intention" of becoming involved in a Vietnam-like conflict in El Salvador.

The president told reporters Tuesday at an impromptu press conference, however, that "we are in support of the government there against those who are attempting a violent overthrow."

He said that although the Soviet Union denied involvement in supplying arms to the anti-government guerrillas opposing the military and civilian junta ruling the central American nation, "the evidence we have and have made public... makes it evident they are involved."

Asked whether the United States was risking becoming involved in a conflict from which it would be difficult to extricate itself,

the president replied that such questions represented "part of the Vietnamese syndrome," and added: "We have no intention of that kind of involvement."

He linked the Soviet behavior to the possibility of a future U.S.-Soviet summit, and said that Soviet ties to the arms shipments "would be one of the things that should be straightened out" in connection with a summit. A summit meeting was suggested Monday by Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev.

Meanwhile, Pentagon planners have proposed sending additional U.S. military training teams to El Salvador to try and transform that country's ill-prepared army into an effective anti-guerrilla force.

Officials who said this Tuesday stressed there is no proposal under study within the administration of President Reagan to commit U.S. advisers for field duty with Salvadoran units operating against rebels.

These officials pointedly drew a distinction between U.S. advisers who accompanied South Vietnamese troops into battle during the southeast Asia war and the kind of American military specialists assigned to El Salvadoran officers and enlisted men in rear areas.

The new proposals would expand U.S. training activities and probably would involve provision of equipment, including communications gear, possibly some coastal patrol boats and relatively simple planes to support Salvadoran ground units.

Senior administration officials also have not yet decided on just what form the increased training will take. They stressed that the Salvadoran armed forces need considerable help.

China prepares ground

Dutch envoy may be expelled

PEKING, Feb. 25 (Agencies) — The official Chinese press is preparing the ground for the expulsion of Dutch ambassador Ian Kneppel out following The Hague's decision to maintain its authorization of the sale of two submarines to Taipei.

The People's Daily, China's leading newspaper, Wednesday published letters from readers demanding a strong reaction from Peking to "uphold our country's sovereignty and dignity."

Analysts here said China was likely to carry out its threat of diplomatic reprisals after a last confidence vote by the Dutch parliament on the issue. The Dutch government in expected to survive the vote, which is scheduled for this week.

Meanwhile, the Chinese government, accusing the Dutch government of rudeness

for not answering a Chinese note demanding downgrading of their relations, said Wednesday it would have to take further action in the next few days.

On Jan. 19, the Chinese demanded downgrading of Sino-Dutch relations to the charge d'affaires level, and proposed negotiations on this matter. Meanwhile, the Dutch ambassador has remained in Peking while the Dutch government reconsidered the submarine sale approval.

A Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said: "Now a month has elapsed since the delivery of the note (demanding lower-level relations). The Dutch government announced Feb. 20 that it would not change its decision. But it has failed so far to answer the Chinese note. This is extraordinary and most rude."

Kania speaks in Moscow

Poland needs time to settle unrest

MOSCOW, Feb. 25 (AP) — The crisis in Poland has cast a shadow on the Soviet Communist Party's 26th congress, with Polish leader Stanislaw Kania telling Communist comrades from 110 countries that his nation can solve its own problems. Kania added, to be asking his allies for more time to set his country straight. Leaders of all the Warsaw Pact nations — the Moscow-led military bloc to which Poland belongs are attending the congress.

Another featured speaker Tuesday was Cuban leader Fidel Castro, resplendent in military dress uniforms, who denounced "Yankee imperialism" and denied that Cuba exports revolution. Other speakers praised President Leonid Brezhnev for his offer Monday of summit talks with U.S. President Ronald Reagan in an effort to defuse east-west tensions.

Facing more than 5,000 delegates in the Kremlin palace of congresses, Kania declared: "We have the willpower and strength to prevent a counter-revolution in Poland," according to Communist sources reporting from the hall. The sources said Kania's declaration was met by applause at the meeting, from which Western reporters were banned.

"Poland is and will remain a socialist state, a loyal ally of the Soviet Union, an unbreakable link of socialist society," Kania added, according to the Communist accounts. However, he reportedly said that violations of "socialist norms" in Poland — presumably by Polish officials — were to blame for the country's problems as well as alleged conspiracies by anti-socialist forces." In his speech Monday, Brezhnev had issued a sharp warning on Poland, claiming "the pillars of the socialist state" there were in jeopardy.

Castro also seized on the Polish issue, declaring that "imperialists are trying to provoke destabilization in Poland to detach it from the socialist community," according to sources. The Cuban leader, always received in Mos-

cow with wild ovations, devoted most of his comments to Latin America. He said "imperialists" were threatening intervention against progressive movements in El Salvador and Guatemala while giving arms to what Castro characterized as "bloody, truly genocidal governments."

Apparently responding to American claims that the Soviet bloc has funneled arms to leftist guerrillas in El Salvador, the sources quoted Castro as saying: "The campaign aimed at preventing the export of arms from Cuba and the export of revolution from Cuba is senseless. There are no ships with arms of ours. They are non-existent."

Other Soviet speakers praised Brezhnev for his "fresh peace initiatives," which also included an offer to reopen strategic arms limitation negotiations. Kremlinologists noted that most of the main Soviet speakers after Brezhnev were the same people — in the same order — as at the last party congress in 1976. This indicated the power rankings in the Soviet leadership had not changed.

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